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I strongly oppose changing our current vote-by-mail system. Voting by mail works, it's free and fair, and it represents the people of Oregon. There is no reason to change a voting system that is working--this is a transparent attempt to destroy democracy by people who will not be elected if the people of Oregon can vote, because we won't vote for THEM. Do not make it harder for the people of Oregon to vote. I am a 25-year Oregon resident and a born American citizen, and so are friends of mine who were unable to vote under the old vote-in-person-only system. Under the old system I personally saw people's supervisors refuse to give the staff an hour off work to vote on Election Day. Limiting voting to in-person at one day keeps working people from voting, along with people with disabilities, people doing childcare, and all of us who don't have endless free time and money. It opens up our state to unconstitutional and unfair "poll tax" and "poll test" practices that are a proven tool of white supremacists and neo-Nazis. Whoever physically controls a ballot box can keep whoever they want to from voting. Who wants this? The kinds of people who lit our ballot boxes on fire to stop voters from voting. Limiting the ability to vote misrepresents the people of Oregon, and therefore the democratic will of the people of Oregon. Which is what the people supporting this bill want. Support American democracy. Keep our vote-by-mail system.