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This note is in opposition of the bill to stop vote for mail in Oregon. Voting has been an important action for me since becoming an adult - when I turned 18, I joined my family in voting at the local grade school. This is a wonderful memory but is not feasible in our current lifestyle. When I moved to Portland after college it was challenging to find the local voting site and coordinate visiting before closing after a long day at work. It resulted in me missing a few local votes and following that I chose to vote by absentee ballot before it was put into statewide effect.

In my personal actions - doing away with the vote by mail privilege will create difficulty for people to coordinate their local voting and reduce overall participation.

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