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I've been a resident of Oregon for 20 years. In that time, I have been able to participate in nearly every election, at every level because of mail in voting. As a member of the "working poor" supporting my senior husband, I can't afford to take time off to go vote. And because of the nature of my job as an education assistant, there isn't time to take off during the day. Which means standing in long lines, waiting to vote.

I also look at this from a logistics perspective. You are going to need more staffing, and more volunteers to manage those polling places. And if you're going to have early voting, those polling places should be open for a week(minimum).

Before moving here, I lived in a remote town in another state. Even though the polling place was not too far from my home, it was difficult to remember to go. Or having a migraine attack and not able to physically go. There's no way to know when a migraine will hit, so it's not usually something that you would consider a necessity for a mail in ballot.

You have proven that the amount of fraud is very low. And the snafu with the DMV registration was caught last year. I have faith in our system. I worry about safety for people going to polling places. If someone was willing to burn ballot boxes last year, what will they be willing to do to a line of voters waiting in line?

Keep mail-in elections.