Oregon has a proud recent tradition of leading the nation in voting access, thanks to universal by-mail voting, automatic registration, and other innovations that have since gained traction in other states. Now that we've put in the effort to make more voices heard, it's time we make Oregonians feel like their voice actually matters, that their distinct opinions and preferences have been fully heard in the composition of their government. I am confident that our state's democracy and civil discourse will strengthen as elections become more about presenting a vision that appeals to voters than denigrating opponents, a shift which is so sorely needed these days. I urge you to vote yes for better government and a friendlier society.