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Oregon has had vote-by-mail for close to 30 years, and in that time there have remarkably few incidences of fraud or abuse of the system. What happened in 2024 was immediately corrected. Why "fix" something that is not broken? Vote-by-mail gives an opportunity to vote for many who might not otherwise. Ending vote-by-mail could negatively impact voter turnout. It will be a great inconvenience for elderly and disabled voters who may have difficulty getting to a polling location or standing in line at one. It has happened in other states in past elections that polling places were closed in 'certain' districts, forcing voters to wait for hours to cast their ballots at a limited number of locations. Vote-by-mail makes that impossible.

Speaking for myself, with vote-by-mail, I actually spend more time reading the voters' pamphlet, becoming better informed about the candidates and measures, and mulling over my choices with the ballot right there at hand. I believe I have become a more well-informed voter because of this. Opponents may say vote-by-mail opens the door to fraud, but Oregon's experience shows otherwise. There is no logical reason to end vote-by-mail other than following President Trump's desire. I ask you please don't support this measure.