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When I was able bodied I enjoyed the relaxing process of voting. No standing in lines, no confusion at the voting booth, plenty of time with the Voter Guide and ballot. Now, vote by mail is necessary. Six years ago I survived a spinal cord injury, and I am dependent on a wheelchair for mobility. Although I am able to get out of the house and into the community, there are many days when I experience debilitating pain, and leaving the house is a behemoth exercise in resilience. If I HAD to leave my house to vote on Election Day, wait in lines to vote, and sit in the tiny space of a voting booth to page through my Voter's Guide and make my decisions, I probably would not exercise this civic duty. Vote by mail keeps me engaged in the community! It works great in Oregon, and there is absolutely no reason to change this.