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I'm a young working professional fortunate enough to call Oregon my home. Like many of my fellow residents, I value the progressive, welcoming ideals that make this state a complete joy to live and play in. One of these values includes my belief in participatory democracy. Our system of representative democracy has its limitations, but encouraging the participation of all residents moves us closer to a meaningfully representative democracy.

Main in voting supports widespread participation among the overworked working class, the elderly or disabled, and rural communities. The effort to eliminate mail in voting is a voter suppression tactic that serves fascist ideals of repression and coercion. It moves us further from the progressive, inclusive social structure that is the only way we will survive the oncoming perils of climate change and late stage capitalism.