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I very strongly believe that it is vital to preserve the right of Oregonians to vote by mail without having to jump through hoops like making special advance requests, to do so. There have been many instances when I (and several family members) have been in situations where voting in person would have been impossible due to various reasons, such as unexpected illness, car trouble, or living too far from a polling place to make a trip feasible. Citizens should not lose the opportunity to register their vote, simply because getting to the polling place is impossible for them, for whatever reason.

I also believe that voting by mail makes it possible to hear from a wider selection of the population, rather than just those who are able to and can afford to get to a specific location on a specific day, often waiting in lines in various weather conditions, in order to cast their ballot.

Thank you.