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Oregon leads the nation in voter turnout. Making voting easier to access for all is inherently democratic.

I moved to Cedar Hills on August 24th, 2024. Before living in Oregon, I lived in a rural house in Wexford County, Michigan. In Michigan, you must request an absentee ballot. Since I didn't know that when I made the move, I had to physically go in on voting day which cost me hours of PTO at my job. The poll was 3.2 miles away, which is close for that small village. There is no bus line into the village. If I didn't have a car, a flexible work-from-home job, or any PTO hours, I would not have voted that day. I knew plenty of people who wanted to vote but physically couldn't—and none of us knew the absentee voting rules.

Life is busy. Voting is often not on our minds until it's time to vote, and by then, it was too late to request a ballot.

Oregon's current voting system is amazing. I was automatically enrolled to vote when I turned in my Change of Address at USPS and it would have happened again at the DMV. I was automatically enrolled in mail-in voting and the entire process was easy. This system is much better than Michigan's, and let me cast a vote without messing up my time at work. Please do not change the current system. Thank you.