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SB210

Voting is one of the most important rights we have as citizens. Oregon's vote-by-mail system honors that right by making voting convenient and accessible to all eligible voters. Making in-person voting the standard, as proposed by this bill, would be a huge step backward that would impose harmful burdens on this crucial right and depress voter turnout.

This bill is a solution in search of a problem. The current system works incredibly well. Voter fraud is virtually non-existent. The mail-in system gives all Oregon voters ample opportunity to exercise their right. This includes the elderly. It includes the disabled. It includes those with inflexible work schedules for whom in-person voting is difficult. It includes those living in counties with an insufficient number of in-person voting locations, resulting in lengthy waits. Mail-in voting is not impacted by adverse weather conditions that impact in-person voting. It's not impacted by intimidation tactics that can be employed at in-person voting locations.

Mail-in voting is not merely adequate - it is superior to in-person voting. It's something Oregon can take pride in.

This bill threatens our sacred right to vote. Vote no on SB 210.