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SB210

SB 210, which proposes making in-person voting the standard method, is deeply concerning because of how inaccessible in-person voting is. People with disabilities have difficulty moving through the community, making it challenging to travel to election poll locations. The ability to mail in ballots and drop off ballots at nearby community areas is instrumental for their ability to cast a vote without facing excessive hurdles. Furthermore, the flexibility offered by our mail-in voting system allows people to choose when they are best able to cast the vote, rather than have to vote on election day. Though this bill offers concessions, it clearly implies that we return to a manner of voting that excludes many people -- especially those living with disabilities -- from participating in elections. SB210 is antidemocratic and should be voted down.