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I am writing to express my strong support for Senate Bill 210, which aims to establish in-person voting on the date of an election as the standard method for conducting elections. This legislation is critical for ensuring the integrity, accessibility, and civic engagement of our electoral process.

In-person voting on Election Day provides a uniform experience for all voters, fostering a sense of community and collective participation. It encourages civic engagement and reinforces the importance of exercising our democratic rights. When people vote together, it strengthens our democracy and promotes a culture of participation.

Moreover, in-person voting safeguards against potential issues that can arise with alternative voting methods, such as mail-in ballots. By ensuring that voters have a designated time and place to cast their ballots, we can reduce the risks of ballot tampering, fraud, and administrative errors that may occur in remote voting systems. This added security is essential to maintaining public trust in our electoral process.

Additionally, establishing in-person voting as the standard helps address disparities in access to voting. Not all voters have equal access to mail services or the technology required for online voting. By providing a clear, consistent method for casting votes, we can ensure that everyone, regardless of their resources, has an equal opportunity to participate in our democracy.

I urge you to support SB 210 and to advocate for its passage. By prioritizing in-person voting, we can uphold the values of transparency, accessibility, and participation that are fundamental to our democratic system.

Thank you for considering my views on this important matter. I look forward to seeing our electoral process strengthened through the passage of this bill.