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Voting is one of our most precious rights as citizens of this country.

Oregon's vote-by-mail system upholds that right by making voting accessible to all eligible voters, no matter where they live or what their physical capability might be.

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.

While it would be to the Republican advantage to LIMIT the number of Oregonians who will vote against the autocratic tripe they keep trying to sell us, Oregon should take pride in the fact that we still HONOR our sacred right to vote and the voices of ALL our citizens.

This bill, like most put forward by Republicans in this state, is a solution in search of a problem. Our current system works perfectly well. Voter fraud is virtually non-existent and our mail-in system gives the elderly, the disabled, those with inflexible work schedules and/or family responsibilities, and those living in counties where in-person voting locations are few and far between the most effective way to participate in this democracy.

I urge the Senate to vote no on SB 210.