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As an Oregonian with physical disabilities, I strongly oppose eliminating Oregon's secure vote-by-mail system.

Requiring in-person voting on Election Day creates a disproportionate burden on citizens with disabilities, those who work, require childcare, are in college classes, need transportation assistance, are hospitalized, or are chronically ill.

This measure also creates a disproportionate burden on rural voters in Oregon's eastern counties, some of whom live more than an hour from their polling stations.

Oregon's Secretaries of State have been transparent regarding problems in our election process, such as people being wrongly registered. This is something that happens in every state, that in-person voting doesn't solve. In Oregon, the number of registration errors is low, and the process by which they are corrected is open and public - as it should be.

Regardless of our political affiliation, Oregonians have benefited from our state's secure vote-by-mail system for decades. Oregon is consistently in the top 10 states for voter turnout, with over 70% of our citizens participating in November elections.

Don't make us line up in the rain! Vote NO on SB 210.