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Vote-by-mail has its pros and cons, but the cons outweigh the pros. Increased voter turnout is great, but not if it allows for a person to complete another person's ballot. This is happening and is unacceptable.

I have heard people admit to completing another person's ballot. This would not happen at a polling place. For example, if a wife completes her husband's ballot too, she is effectively voting twice. Her extra vote cancels my vote. This will not happen if we return to voting in person at our local precinct.

I heard on a local radio show of a high-school student completing his parents' ballots having them sign them before he mailed them in. Unfortunately, it is legal for a voter to complete a ballot for someone else as long as the signature matches the signature on file. Oregonians should not be OK with this.

Election integrity relies on one person – one vote. A system that allows a person to complete the extra ballots that are sitting around the house is not secure. I prefer secure elections over convenient voting.

Trust will return if we know that our elections are secure. Until that happens election results will be questioned. Oregonians expect our state government to do everything in its power to ensure that our elections are completely free of any chance of voter fraud.

Please vote yes on SB 210.