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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB210

I'm writing in to oppose SB 210 because it will cost Oregon money, and remove voting access for many Americans. Vote by mail is exceptionally secure, cost effective, and, critically, it promotes voter turnout.

Oregon has consistently run some of the cheapest and highest turnout elections in the country. Vote by mail has been standard since 1995.

Getting rid of vote by mail would cost Oregonians money. Cost per ballot to run an election is higher when you have to include building fees, staffing, and other costs of running in person voting. Data from other states where in person polling is standard supports this.

In person voting reduces voter turnout significantly, especially for the elderly and disabled populations, those without means of transportation, people living paycheck to paycheck without the option of leaving work, and those who live in extremely remote, rural communities. Removing easy voting access from these groups undermines their fundamental rights as a citizen of this country. Representation is at the core of a free and fair election.

Please oppose SB 210. Protect our rights.