

March 29, 2025

Chair Jama and Members of the Committee,

My name is Christina Snyder. I am a resident of Portland, OR.

I strongly oppose SB 210. I oppose making in-person voting the standard method for conducting an election in Oregon. I oppose requiring voters to show picture ID when voting or requesting a ballot. I oppose removing the requirement that the state pay postage for ballots returned by mail. I believe this measure aims to disenfranchise voters.

I'm a lifelong, proud voter in the United States. I have voted in every single election since I was 18 years old. I've voted in multiple states, in large cities and in tiny rural hamlets. I have voted in person, cast a mail-in ballot for my first presidential election while living overseas as a student, and – since I moved to Portland – voted from the comfort of my own home with a standard Oregon mail-in ballot.

Personally, voting with a mail-in ballot has made me a better voter. I sit with my ballot at our kitchen table and investigate every single ballot item to my hearts' content over hours, days or weeks. I learn more about candidates and issues in a much deeper way than in-person voting allows. Yes – I also educated myself prior to in-person voting in other places. But being able to do it at home, thoughtfully, over time, increases my full engagement in our democracy.

Universal vote-by-mail:

- Removes barriers to voting
- Increases civic participation
- Saves taxpayer money
- Enhances election security
- Maintains a system in place that supports universal voting during, for example, a pandemic
- Supports accessible elections for people with mobility issues
- Supports people who struggle to find the time to get to and wait in line at a polling place

I LOVE voting. It's my voice. It's our voice, and if our voices matter in Oregon and in America then a primary responsibility of our legislature is to ensure that there are as **few barriers as possible** to making our voices heard.

For these reasons, I oppose SB 210.

Sincerely,

Christina Snyder