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It's time to overhaul Oregon's voting system. The current setup is a breeding ground for fraud, cheating, and manipulation, undermining the integrity of every ballot cast. It's not just a flaw—it's a betrayal of every citizen who participates in good faith. We need change, and we need it now. Transparency isn't optional; it's the bedrock of a free society. That starts with requiring in-person voting, backed by a government-issued photo ID to verify citizenship and legal registration. No more excuses, no more loopholes. It's a simple, common-sense fix used by democracies worldwide—why not Oregon?

Our voter rolls are a mess, bloated with inactive, outdated, or duplicate records. Cleaning them up isn't radical; it's basic housekeeping. States like Texas and Florida have purged hundreds of thousands of ineligible entries—Oregon can too. And let's stop the nonsense of registering without proper eligibility documentation. No proof of citizenship? No vote. This isn't discrimination; it's fairness. The system should protect the rights of legal voters, not cater to those gaming it.

These changes are no-brainers, yet some Oregon representatives cling to a status quo riddled with vulnerabilities. Why? If they claim our elections are secure and accurate, then switching to in-person, ID-verified voting shouldn't rattle them. It's just a clearer window into the process. But their resistance speaks volumes—maybe they're fine with centralized control, with a system that obscures more than it reveals. We're not. Constituents across this state are fed up with opaque governance and unaccountable power.

Look at the numbers: a 2021 audit in Arizona found thousands of questionable ballots; Georgia tightened rules after 2020 irregularities. Oregon's mail-in free-for-all invites the same risks—lost ballots, harvested votes, unverified identities. In-person voting with ID cuts through that noise. It's not about suppression; it's about trust. If you're a legal voter, you've got nothing to fear. But if you're not, you shouldn't be voting—period. This isn't partisan; it's principle. Restore confidence. Demand accountability. Pass SB 210 and give Oregonians the transparent, fraud-proof elections we deserve.