

Testimony of Laura Brophy, Corvallis, Oregon, in opposition to SB 210

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I've been a proud citizen of Oregon for 40 years and voted in every election, and I am strongly opposed to Senate Bill 210 which would repeal our vote-by-mail system. Vote-by-mail is a vital foundation and bulwark of Oregon's democracy, and a shining example for other states. It has been proven secure and is not subject to hacking, and it has led to Oregon's very high voter participation rate. Vote-by-mail enables Oregonians to exercise their voting rights freely, without barriers. By contrast, in-person voting presents huge barriers to many Oregon voters. Do we really want to exclude hard-working voters from our democracy because they can't take time off work to stand in long lines at polling place? Do we really want to exclude voters who have limited mobility? How about parents of young children who can't get child care to allow them to travel to a polling place? Do we really want to exclude voters who are traveling at the time of the election, or who have had to leave their homes because of natural disasters like wildfires? It's critical that Oregon retain our excellent vote-by-mail system; it's exactly what we need to ensure that our democracy remains robust. Please vote no on SB 210.