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Let's cut the pleasantries and get right to it. Senate Bill 210, this thinly veiled attack on our fundamental right to vote, is an insult. A festering wound on the very notion of democracy. They want to repeal vote-by-mail? The same system that's made Oregon a national model for accessibility and fairness?

They claim it's about security? Spare me. We've seen the chaos, the doubt, the outright lies peddled about voting machines. Those digital black boxes, susceptible to manipulation, a playground for those who'd rather steal power than earn it. Vote-by-mail, on the other hand, is transparent. It's accountable. It's safe.

This isn't about security. It's about suppression. It's about a desperate party, the Oregon GOP, clinging to power by choking off the very voices they fear. They know they can't win on ideas. They know they can't win on merit. So, they resort to this, this cynical attempt to disenfranchise those who dare to disagree.

They whine about "voter fraud," a boogeyman they conjure to justify their power grab. The evidence? Nonexistent. The reality? They're terrified of a populace that's tired of their empty promises, their divisive rhetoric, their unwavering devotion to a disgraced demagogue.

This isn't just politics. This is an attack on the very soul of our state. An attempt to turn back the clock, to silence the voices of working families, of communities of color, of anyone who dares to challenge their crumbling power structure.

I oppose SB 210 with every ounce of righteous fury I possess. This is not about party lines, this is about the future of Oregon. If the Oregon Republican Party wants to win, they need to offer something, anything, of substance. Until then, they can keep their grubby hands off our ballots. This is our state. This is our democracy. And we will not be silenced.