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This is an absolutely terrible bill that goes against the democratic ideals of our nation. Voting is a right and a duty for Americans; for representative democracy to work, "we the people" must have our voices heard so those in power can actually represent us, and so we can clearly express who we would like to represent us. Mail-in voting is fantastic: we get to sit at home with our voting guide and carefully research our options, marking our ballots when we have the time and energy and attention to do so, and returning them via mail or drop-box at our convenience. We don't have to choose between our jobs and our right to vote, we don't have to wait in long lines, we don't have to be at a specific place within a specific time window (and deal with all the ways that can impact our lives), we don't have to face bad weather or mixed-up polling place info. Everybody in government should be doing everything they can to make voting easier, not harder; to make sure everyone who is eligible to vote actually has the opportunity to vote. Anyone who limits voting only does so because they know they won't win with a fair election. The argument about election fraud has no evidence to support it: it is a false argument designed to scare people and suppress voters. We already have systems in place that protect our elections, and this bill would only make things worse. Please do not pass SB 210. Please keep vote-by-mail in Oregon, keeping government "of the people, by the people, and for the people." Thank you.