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In 1998, Oregon became the first all-vote by mail state with a clear majority of Oregonians voting in favor of a vote by mail system! Participation in voting has proven to be higher with a vote by mail system. This fact, in and of itself, makes it suspicious that those trying to overturn the vote by mail are trying to suppress the people's vote!

Voting by mail is superior to in-person voting and has many tangible benefits. Benefits include more time to consult voting pamphlets, receiving ballots and voter pamphlets helps voters remember it is time to do their civic duty and vote. A voter can debate with friends and family members regarding voting in the leisure of their home, it allows the flexibility to fit the important civil duty of voting into the busy schedules of workers, parents, caregivers, and the flexibility needed by the disabled, those that travel for work, and the elderly.

Taxpayer dollars are saved by the implementation of voting by mail. Less temporary workers are needed to process the votes and are not needed to run polling places. Voters can avoid inclement weather and/or the limited free time needed for casting an in-person vote.

Oregonians can proudly say our elections are secure with numerous processes built into our vote by mail system. Unique barcodes track ballots, signature verification processes prove voter's identities, and election security plans are followed by elections offices that support voting integrity. Voting by mail leaves a paper trail that can be audited and there is no internet connections or routers to voting equipment that can be tampered with! Oregon performs a post-election review on every election that includes a federal or statewide contest.

Those who want to change our safe, secure, productive vote-by-mail process are those who seek to limit voting! Vote NO on SB 210!