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RE SB210

As an Oregon resident I am deeply worried about SB210. This bill is a huge vote suppression attempt to stifle Oregonians ability to vote. Vote by mail ballots were enacted after I moved here in the mid 1990s. It has been amazing. Compared to how I voted in Texas, where I had to take a day off of work, go down to the voting site & wait in line for up to 3 hours (would probably be longer today).

Voting by mail is amazing! I get a voter pamphlet mailed to me before the election so I have time to research all the issues and people running. I can vote in my PJs at my leisure and then I mail it back! IF I choose to walk it to a voting place, I can. I can vote there as well.

Oregon also has one of the lowest voter fraud issues in the county. It's non-existent, out of millions of votes cast there were 108 instances of voter fraud in 2020...which they caught. The system works & is secure.

Taking away the ability for more eligible voters to vote is all this bill is going to do.

I oppose this on its face as what it is, voter suppression.

Sincerely

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