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As a resident and taxpayer in Oregon, I am submitting this testimony in opposition of SB210. This bill is unnecessary and would overturn a mail-in voting system that works. There is absolutely no evidence of widespread or even remotely significant fraud or abuse in mail-in voting. I have lived in Oregon for over ten years and have voted in every local, state, and federal election during this time. Mail-in voting has made my right to vote in these elections more accessible and gives me important time to actually consider candidates and ballot measures, reading about each and therefore making thoughtful choices- Something that in person voting does **not** do. Furthermore, in-person voting is more costly, is affected by adverse weather (common in Oregon during Spring and Fall elections), and presents barriers to people with limited mobility and other accessibility concerns. In sum, in-person voting **works**- for all candidates and parties, regardless of ideology, and should be preserved, not eliminated.