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?I am writing to express my strong opposition to Oregon Senate Bill 210, which proposes significant changes to our state's election procedures, including eliminating our established vote-by-mail system. Oregon has pioneered vote-by-mail, a system that has consistently demonstrated increased voter participation, cost-effectiveness, and enhanced accessibility for all eligible voters.?

The proposed shift away from vote-by-mail would reverse years of progress and potentially disenfranchise many Oregonians who rely on the convenience and accessibility of mailing their ballots. This change could disproportionately affect seniors, individuals with disabilities, rural residents, and those with limited access to transportation or polling places.?

Furthermore, vote-by-mail has proven to be a secure and reliable method of conducting elections in our state. Numerous studies and audits have confirmed the integrity of this system, with minimal instances of fraud. Transitioning to an alternative voting method without substantial evidence of the current system's shortcomings is unwarranted and could undermine public confidence in our electoral process.?

I urge our legislators to consider the potential negative impacts of SB 210 and to uphold the vote-by-mail system that has served Oregon voters effectively for decades. Maintaining and improving upon our current system is essential to ensuring that every eligible citizen can participate fully and fairly in our democracy.