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Measure, Appointment or Topic:

SB210

I am writing to oppose Oregon Legislature (SB 210) that would REPEAL our vote-by-mail system.

The vote by mail system in Oregon, established in 1998, has been very effective, and makes it relatively easy for as many Oregon citizens to vote as possible

The right to vote is foundational to our democracy and every qualified voter should be able to cast a vote with minimal hindrance.

However, a central tenet of Republican politics for decades, and never more-so than under the current Trump administration, has been to win elections by making it difficult for their opponents to vote — more specifically, by blocking minority access to the ballot.

Through enactment of laws that disproportionately burden minority voters, Republicans have carved out of the electorate the parts that don't support them.

We cannot allow this to happen in Oregon!