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On Behalf Of:
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB210
To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the intent to rely on in-person voting in Oregon; it presents several challenges in modern society.

Firstly, accessibility remains a significant issue. Many individuals face barriers to in-person voting, including those with disabilities, limited transportation, or inflexible work schedules. This can lead to voter suppression and disenfranchisement.

Secondly, in-person voting can be logistically challenging and costly. Maintaining polling places, staffing them, and ensuring equipment functionality requires substantial resources.

Thirdly, in-person voting can contribute to the spread of contagious illnesses. Large gatherings at polling places create potential hotspots, particularly concerning during public health crises.

Finally, long lines and wait times are common occurrences, potentially discouraging voter participation.

While I understand the importance of voter integrity, modern technology provides avenues for secure and verifiable remote voting. We should explore these options to create a more inclusive and efficient electoral system.

Sincerely,
Oregon Citizen