

Respected Members of the Committee

I'm writing to oppose the SB210 a bill to make in person voting the standard voting method and to require identification to vote or request a mail in ballot for elections in Oregon.

My main reason for this objection is that it might have the effect of limiting the number of people who are actually able to vote because:

- they are not able to leave work to vote for the amount of time needed
- they have no way to get to the pole because they don't have transportation or any person to help them get there
- they are people who are elderly and cannot wait in lines for long durations
- they are people who live in rural areas
- they have a physical limitation and are not able to stand in line to get their ballot
- they had to be unexpectedly out of town

Secondly, the proposed requirement that if you want to request a mail in ballot you have to show proof of citizenship. While this does not sound difficult, if you are requesting a mail-in ballot because you cannot get to a polling station, having to show the identification to get approval for a mail in ballot would mean a trip to the place where voter registration is done.

That might possibly be a hardship for:

- those people who do not have transportation or no one to help them get to the registration offices
- those people who are working and not able to get away from work
- those people that are elderly and can no longer drive
- those people who live in rural areas

Being able to vote by mail is one of the things I particularly like about the state of Oregon.

I have ample time to review the voter pamphlet and make my decision on how I want to vote and then I complete the ballot and drop it in the mail a few days before voting closes.

I respectfully request that this bill not be brought forward for a general vote.

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