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SB210

I oppose SB 210 because it will restrict voting access for a large percentage of Oregonians. The working class are the most impacted by laws that restrict access and options to government involvement. Many Oregonians work hourly jobs and are living paycheck to paycheck and voting in person, on election day, will make civic involvement a risk to their employment, housing and ability to support their families. It would also reduce access for rural, low income, elderly, and underserved of Oregon. These populations often have limited access to travel and are dependent on owning, or knowing someone who owns, a personal vehicle, as mass transit is not available in most rural areas. It is our right as citizens to participate in democracy and be represented. Removing access is never the answer to ensuring participation and inclusion. The process is secure through the USPS with safeguards like signature matching and ballot tracking. These measures ensure that every vote is legitimate and accounted for. Passing SB 210 would be a grave mistake to Oregonian's access and restriction of our voices. It will cause irreparable harm.