

Submitter: Alice Harra  
On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB210

Oregon elected officials and legislators,

I strongly oppose SB 210. The ability of each Oregonian to review the candidates and measures with intention and time, then cast a secure ballot, is a meaningful distinction from other states which require in-person voting. The very proposal of SB 210 moves us further from our unique and individual constitutional right to vote. Our ability to vote is sacred, and many people died for this right. If you support SB 210, you seek to drive down participation in our sacred process of voting to a new low, and make democratic participation available only to citizens who are physically-advantaged and can stand, and those who are financially advantaged enough to miss work and drive a car. You intend to disadvantage citizens with issues of mobility, work schedules, parents, youth, and others. For what? In-person voting depresses votes, and does not ensure a secure election. Work harder to make sure every Oregonian can vote safely, not working on a bill to make sure fewer citizens can express their votes.