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I do not support SB 210. For over 25 years, Oregon has been a national leader in election administration through our vote-by-mail system. This proven system has delivered multiple benefits to Oregonians:

Increased voter participation: Our vote-by-mail system consistently yields higher turnout rates compared to national averages, ensuring more Oregonians have their voices heard.

Accessibility and convenience: Vote-by-mail removes barriers for working families, people with disabilities, rural residents, and seniors who might otherwise struggle to reach polling places.

Election security: Oregon's system includes multiple verification safeguards, ballot tracking, and secure drop boxes. Our history demonstrates that vote-by-mail is secure and reliable.

Cost efficiency: Vote-by-mail eliminates the need for staffing numerous polling locations and purchasing voting machines for each precinct, saving taxpayer money.

Repealing this system would be a significant step backward for our state, creating new barriers to participation in our democratic process and disrupting a system that Oregonians have come to trust and rely upon.