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SB210

As seems part of the Republican strategy these days, they are looking for a "fix" for a problem that doesn't exist. Our By Mail voting system has been working perfectly in Oregon for over 30 years. We have little to no claims of voter fraud or abuse.

Everyone receives their ballot with plenty of time to review it, vote and mail it or put it in a local drop box. It does NOT negatively impact citizens of Oregon or limit the times/[places where they can cast their ballot.

As a Californian by birth, I remember the long lines and frustrations of voting in person. I was a teacher and would try to go to my poll before work, only to have to leave the line as I was going to be late to my job. I would then have to come back that afternoon and stand in line again, many times for more than an hour, to cast my vote. I know that the time it takes to participate in in-person voting is a deterrent to those who might otherwise participate in the most important role of American citizens..voting. Single day voting also has a negative impact on working people as the hours of open polls do not always coordinate with their work schedules...another deterrent to voting.

Are our Republican representatives attempting to put up barriers for all Oregonians to vote? Are they thinking of elder voters, voters with disabilities, voters with children with this bill???

Please reject SB 210. Our goal should be to have as many Oregonians vote as possible so their voices are heard in our government. This bill does NOTHING to improve that. Protect our current BY MAIL voting system.