

Dear Oregon Legislators,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Senate Bill 210, which threatens to dismantle Oregon's highly successful vote-by-mail system. For decades, Oregon has been a national leader in accessible and secure elections, consistently achieving some of the highest voter turnout rates in the country. This success is directly attributable to our streamlined, efficient, and reliable vote-by-mail system.

The proposed changes in SB 210 would disproportionately affect working families, the elderly, and individuals with disabilities. These are the very populations who benefit most from the convenience and accessibility of mail-in ballots. Eliminating this system would create unnecessary barriers to participation, effectively suppressing the voices of those who are already facing challenges in accessing the ballot box.

Oregon's vote-by-mail system has a proven track record of integrity and security. Claims of widespread voter fraud are baseless and unsupported by evidence. Our system includes robust security measures, such as signature verification and ballot tracking, ensuring the accuracy and legitimacy of every vote.

Furthermore, dismantling vote-by-mail would impose significant financial burdens on our state. Reverting to traditional polling places would require substantial investments in infrastructure, staffing, and equipment, all while reducing voter participation and creating logistical challenges. This is a step backward, not forward.

The benefits of vote-by-mail are clear:

- **Increased Accessibility:** It makes voting convenient and accessible for all Oregonians, regardless of their work schedules, physical abilities, or geographic location.
- **High Voter Turnout:** It contributes to consistently high voter participation rates, ensuring that our elections are truly representative of the people.
- **Security and Integrity:** It includes robust security measures that safeguard the integrity of our elections.
- **Cost-Effectiveness:** It is a cost-effective system that saves taxpayers money while maintaining high standards of election administration.

Taking away the right to vote by mail will only lead to voter suppression, and cost the state money.

I urge you to reject SB 210 and uphold Oregon's commitment to accessible, secure, and efficient elections. Please listen to the voices of Oregonians who value their right to vote and protect our successful vote-by-mail system.

Sincerely,

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