

Dear Oregon Senators,

Oregon's mail in voting has well served the good people of Oregon for over 2 decades. We have higher voting rates than other states because of the efficiency of mail in ballots. I urge you to not "fix" what isn't broken.

I strongly OPPOSE SB 210 which would eliminate Oregon's vote by mail elections and instead require the majority of voters to appear in person at polling places on election day. This would be a cumbersome and expensive proposition that would discourage voter participation. As it stands Oregon's vote by mail system is easy to use and enables everyone to vote from their home at a time that is convenient for them. An in person voting requirement that takes place only on election day is physically demanding, difficult for working people to make it to the polls and voters may be discouraged from voting due to bad weather.

Further the costs and staffing of polling places in each precinct would be prohibitive and is utterly unnecessary, as we have a system that is working well! Oregon currently has a very cost effective, efficient and convenient way for the most voters to participate in the electoral process by voting by mail.

Please do not ruin this excellent system by replacing it with this proposed requirement of in-person voting. Thank you for considering my testimony.