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SB210

Oregon's vote by mail system is the best thing since sliced bread. It is the best thing about living in Oregon, and I for one want to keep it that way. I see the proposed bill to dismantle our vote-by-mail system as a thinly-disguised form of voter suppression. The proposed bill SB210 could suppress workers, busy professionals, busy moms, caregivers of ailing family members, elderly, shut-ins, people in the hospital, and people with broken legs or broken cars from voting. Haven't any of you been one of those at one time or another in your life? Working 12 hour days could have kept me from getting to the polls. Luckily, we had vote by mail in those years, and I still got to vote. Keep what works about our state. Keep vote by mail as is. Don't burden my busy life by making me stand in line at the polls. Have you counted the economic and family cost of this bill, the lost productivity of all those workers, moms and dads spending time standing in line at the polls instead of doing their jobs at work or at home? Who is going to pay that cost? The people of the state of Oregon. Are you going to reimburse us for that cost? No, so SB210 is like a hidden a tax on our lives and time. Your job as legislators is to make our state better, not worse. Do your job. Vote no on the proposed bill SB210. Keep vote-by-mail as is.