

March 30, 2025

To: Chair Jama, Vice-Chair Bonham, and Members of the Committee

**Re: Opposition to Senate Bill 210, the elimination of mail in voting in Oregon**

Dear Chair Jama, Vice-Chair Bonham, and Committee Members,

I write in vehement opposition to SB 210. I see no point in changing our voting system that has proven effective and resistant to voter fraud since 1993. We have always wanted to make voting easily accessible to all voters as to increase voter participation.

There has been no evidence of fraudulent mail in ballots affecting any election in Oregon. Identification is currently required for people to register to vote during which their Identity is validated at the time of registration.

An often-cited benefit of having a ballot for two weeks before election day is the ability to consult the voters' pamphlet while voting at home. Voters may take their time to consider their votes.

Let's look at the ways in which SB 210 will likely suppress the vote, discourage voting. The requirement for having your name match your birth certificate is an obvious effort to suppress the vote of women. This places a definite burden on married women among others to reregister. Transportation is a real problem for many people in rural Oregon to get to polling places during prescribed times. Employed persons will find it difficult to vote during the work day. Moreover, the costs to our state will be huge for staff, administration, and security to establish polling places throughout the state as well finding people to staff those polling places. Training will need to take place.

Frankly, I see ending mail-in ballots and requiring Voter ID and in person voting is simply an effort to suppress votes, i.e., making it much harder for our citizens to vote

Don't let our free, fair, and ease-of use Election System be destroyed by those who would benefit from seizure of power and hold it at any cost so they can follow what the President of the United States wants.

Thank you for taking my comments into consideration as you review this bill.

Sincerely,

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