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SB210

I strongly oppose SB 210. In the current fraught political climate wherein across our nation efforts are being made every year to make voting more difficult - disenfranchizing our citizens through barriers and rules changes - we should be working in exactly the opposite direction: making sure that the right to vote is fulfilled to every eligible citizen. Voting by mail in Oregon has a long history of success. Changing to in-person voting creates a barrier to accessibility - the need for transportation to the polling places, the need for personal time and personal ability to do so within the confines of a specific day. Not all citizens can meet these challenges, and requiring that mail-in ballots be requested creates its own challenge. Such perennial attempts to make voting more difficult are shameful attempts to chip away at our Democracy.