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As a proud Oregonian and registered voter, I strongly oppose SB 210. By changing the standard system of voting to in-person, myself and many other Oregonians will lose the opportunity to perform our public duty in the manner that best suits our needs. By receiving my ballot in the mail, I am able to vote on the day that I have the time and capacity to sit down and research candidates and ballot measures, and make thoughtful and well-informed decisions. Without having a mail-in ballot, myself and many others would have to take time away from work or other responsibilities on voting day, find a polling place that is hopefully within traveling distance, and stand in line for a chance to vote. Many of my neighbors and fellow Oregonians may not be able to travel to a polling place, or take time away from work, or have the physical ability to stand in a line. Mail-in voting means that Oregonians all over the state are able to exercise their constitutional rights, and this Senate bill is seeking to disenfranchise thousands of voters all over the state. Each one of us has a right to have our voices heard in the democratic process, and our government has the responsibility to make that right accessible to all. I implore our state Senators to stand up for their constituents and ensure that voting remains accessible to us all.