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SB210

I grew up in Oregon, made a life here, and built my business here. Like many of you, I believe every vote should matter—every voice should count. That's why I'm urging your support for Senate Bill 210, a common-sense measure to protect our elections and preserve the rights of every Oregonian.

For too long, Oregon's vote-by-mail system has left us vulnerable. I'm not saying it's all bad—convenience is great—but convenience shouldn't come at the cost of confidence. Mail voting opens the door to risks we can't ignore: ballots lost in the mail, intercepted, filled out by someone else, or burned in drop boxes. There's no way to know who's dropping that envelope in the box or if it's been tampered with. And what about those extra days after Election Day when ballots trickle in? It muddies the waters, delays results, and makes us wonder if every vote was legitimate. Oregonians deserve to have certainty about our state's elections.

SB 210 fixes this by bringing us back to the basics: voting in person on Election Day with a photo ID. It's how most states do it, and it works. Showing ID isn't a burden—it's a safeguard. I use my driver's license every day: to drive, to fly, to pick up a package, or prove my identity. Why shouldn't we do the same to protect our most sacred right? This bill ensures that when I cast my vote, it's mine, and when you cast yours, it's yours—no guesswork, no loopholes.

Now, I know schedules can be inflexible. That's why I appreciate that SB 210 keeps mail voting for those who truly need it: folks who can't make it to the polls, our military heroes overseas, or Oregonians living out of state. It's fair, it's flexible, and it still puts integrity first. Plus, with voting booths set up across every county—open at least eight hours on Election Day—no one's left out. My employees and I can walk in, show our IDs, and vote with pride, knowing the system's secure.

Opponents might say this is restrictive, but I see it as empowering. When every vote is verified, every vote matters more. As a small business owner, I rely on trust—trust in my suppliers, my customers, my books. Our elections deserve that same trust. SB 210 delivers it by cutting out the chaos of mail delays and the shadow of fraud. It's not about making voting harder; it's about making it clearer, stronger, and truer to what we Oregonians stand for.

I've watched this state grow and change, from my childhood in Portland to building my business in the Coast Range. I want the next generation of Oregonians to inherit a state worthy of trust—one where their votes aren't diluted by doubt. SB 210 isn't

just a bill; it's a promise to protect that future. Let's send it to the ballot, let the people decide, and let's keep Oregon's elections as honest as the people who call it home.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to voting on SB 210.