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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB210

I am a strong supporter of vote by mail and oppose SB 210. Vote by mail is the most accessible means of voting in our country's elections and generally increases participation in voting. It gives voters more time to acquaint ourselves with the candidates and ballot initiatives in our cities, counties, and state. Vote by mail is accessible and safe. You know when your ballot has been mailed to you and when it's been received at the elections division. You don't have to take time off work or hire a babysitter for your kids or elder care for your parents or grandparents. I fear that older adults and people with disabilities could be disenfranchised due to various factors that make in person voting inaccessible including lack of transportation, inaccessibility of polling places for people with limited mobility, and long lines that often require standing without access to seating or restrooms. We want robust turnout amongst all of Oregonian's populations and communities and vote by mail does that! Thank you.