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I am opposed to SB 210. Oregon's process for allowing Vote-by-Mail makes it easier for everyone to participate in the democratic process, allows people to review and research the measures from the comfort of their homes, and has checks in place to review for possible discrepancies. For folks that are worried about the process, I would encourage you to get involved, volunteer as an Election Observer during the next election cycle and get educated about the history of the voting process. I hear people state that they don't trust the mail-in ballots, but I would prefer a ballot that is a maintained record that can be audited (by either party) above the BMDs that have no paper trail. During the last election cycle, I watched on the news of communities that were required to stand in long lines when not enough polling stations were running and realized the potential of a corrupt government closing a polling station on the only day that voters are allowed to vote and was so grateful that Oregon doesn't put its citizens in that situation. Our system works and should be maintained. Thank you.