

I am writing to oppose Oregon Senate Bill 210, which would essentially end the highly popular, successful, and secure vote by mail system we have in Oregon.

SB210 is a bill in search of a problem and actually makes voting much more difficult for many Oregonians.

The rate of improper voting using the vote by mail system has been miniscule. On the flip side, having a mail in system allows the greatest number of registered voters the opportunity to vote.

I personally appreciate having the extended time to sit with my ballot and review the choices, using the voter pamphlet as a guide. However, sometimes things aren't in the pamphlet. I would not be able to do additional research in the voting booth.

And more importantly, limiting voting to election day will exclude many registered voters. I personally work long days and would have a difficult time getting to a poll site before or after work, and I have my own transportation.

Many voters have similar work challenges, child care challenges, and transportation challenges. Many older voters no longer drive, so requiring them to vote in person will result in fewer of them voting.

This change in Oregon's voting system seems to me to be an attempt to suppress voting, and my observation that it will affect many voters who are already disadvantaged by gerrymandering and other obstacles.

Therefore, I strongly oppose SB210.

Sincerely,

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