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I am writing in opposition to SB210 which makes voting in person the normal method for voting. Voting by mail is a safe and secure way to vote, and allows for those with transportation or other issues the opportunity to cast their vote without having to travel to a polling station. Voting is a right for anyone of any party affiliation and restricting opportunities for registered voters to cast their ballots is a cheap and undermining way to make it harder for Americans to cast a vote. Opposition to this bill should be considered by senate representatives on both sides of the aisle.

Mail-in balloting in Oregon has proven to be an effective and accepted method to vote with over 75% rate of return from registered voters which is higher than the national average. Along with day-of-voting in person, this ensures that Oregonians have a voice in their choice for representation. Oregon also has a signature verification process for mail-in ballots which reduces the number of fraudulent ballots. Voter suppression should not be the norm.

Thank you for your time.

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