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SB210

I urge your support for Senate Bill 210, a measure to protect our elections and ensure every vote counts. Oregon's vote-by-mail system, while convenient, compromises confidence. Ballots can be lost, intercepted, or tampered with—there's no certainty who submits them. Stories of ballots in ditches or delayed post-election arrivals erode trust, delay results, and raise doubts about legitimacy. Elections deserve better.

SB 210 restores integrity by making in-person voting on Election Day with photo ID the standard. Most states use this method successfully. Requiring ID—something we use daily for banking, travel, or prescriptions— isn't a burden; it's a safeguard. It guarantees each vote is cast by the rightful voter, eliminating guesswork. The bill still accommodates those unable to vote in person, like military members overseas or out-of-state Oregonians, by retaining mail voting upon request. Voting booths, open at least eight hours across every county, ensure access for all.

Critics may call this restrictive, but it's empowering. Verifying votes strengthens their value. Trust is essential—our elections should match the reliability we expect in everyday transactions. SB 210 cuts through mail delays and fraud risks, making voting clearer and stronger. It's not about hardship; it's about certainty.

Oregonians deserve a system they can believe in, one where votes aren't clouded by doubt. SB 210 balances accessibility with security, preserving the rights of every citizen. It's a practical step forward, not a partisan ploy. Let's put it to the people—send it to the ballot and let Oregonians decide. This bill isn't just policy; it's a commitment to honest elections that reflect our values. Support SB 210 to keep our democracy robust and trustworthy. Thank you.