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I must emphatically oppose SB 210 on the grounds that it is a tool of voter suppression. Denying mail in ballots as a standard voting method makes voting more difficult and less equitable for large groups of voters that, historically could not make it to polls in person before mail in voting due to health and/or socioeconomic factors. Transportation, health complications or work schedules are just some of the many barriers to in-person voting for many hardworking Americans. In-person, day-of voting denies these people of their right to vote. Period. Mail in ballots provide the flexibility we need to allow every citizen the chance to make informed decisions and get their voice heard. The current administration wants fair elections and what better way to get them than to get the best possible voter turnout over the greatest possible cross section of voters, all of which studies have shown, mail in ballots provide time and again. To deny trust in this method is to deny trust in the USPS (which already carries critical documents of all types for citizens) and the American people themselves, and is nothing more than a thinly veiled ploy by the current party in office to retain power. Free speech and choice is what makes our democracy great - this will take that away from millions of Americans. Oppose.