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I strongly oppose SB 210. SB 210 is unnecessary in our state, mail-in voting, which our state has done for more than 20 years, has allowed Oregon to become one of the states with the highest voter turnout in this country. With that, the people of Oregon are much less likely to be disenfranchised in the way that we vote in this state. Voting in this country is incredibly archaic in that we still have election day on Tuesdays for farmers that don't exist anymore. We live in a modern world in which one does not have the time to spend all day voting in lines, especially when one has to work obligations or has to care for children or elderly relatives. Especially with the fact that voting day in this country is somehow not a federal holiday. If we were to vote in person, it would be very likely that those who live in very rural areas of this state would be less likely to be able to vote on said day. The infrastructure of having enough polling centers is not in place, nor are the amount people you would need to manage it all. Not to mention in larger urban centers there would be large wait times and there is no guarantee that all those who want to exercise their right to vote in this country would be able to. Voting by mail has proved to be incredibly safe. There has not been any widespread voter fraud in this state in the many years that we have had voting by mail. This requirement that each person needs to show their individual voter ID to be able to vote is ridiculous. One has already proven their eligibility to vote in this state, there is no need to create even more bureaucracy for voters to navigate. The insistence by some that non citizens have voted in this country is a ridiculous notion that have no basis in reality. All it does is disenfranchise voters. SB 210 is not needed in Oregon. We do not need to go back to the days when one had to wait in such a long arduous lines to be able to cast a vote in this country; something that is their right to do so. Voting should be an easy thing to do in this country and we already have it in Oregon. We should not be making it harder to exercise our rights. This is not needed in Oregon.