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Secretary of State Tobias Read states the blatantly obvious: “The model that we have in Oregon is something that’s a model for the country and allowing people the convenience of voting on their own time, using paper ballots that are signature verified, our systems are a gold standard in that respect.”

Requiring voters to go the polls, even more restrictively only on election day, disenfranchises all voters, regardless of party affiliation. Especially the disabled, those with transportation issues, acute illnesses, work and childcare constraints. A weather event can materially impact turnout. And local election turnout would suffer the most. Without any objective material evidence of voter fraud in 25 years, there is no justification whatsoever to increase election costs and suppress turnout in Oregon. SB 210 is an ill-advised capitulation to the worst forces trying to kill our democracy.