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SB210

I am writing in opposition to SB210. From the secretary of state's website: "On Nov. 3, 1998 voters decide to expand vote-by-mail to primary and general elections, by a vote of 757,204 to 334,021. In 2000, the turnout for the first presidential election was 79%."

People registering to vote in our vote-by-mail system still have to provide citizenship documentation. After that, signatures on ballots are verified. My family had personal experience with that as my daughter who has fine motor issues has had to go in to the county clerk's office to verify her identify.

Vote-by-mail allows people the flexibility of roughly 3 weeks to fill out their ballot and mail it or drop it off at a dropbox. Being able to look at the ballot and know which candidates and measures you need to research by having your ballot mailed to you is extremely helpful.

To bring back in-person voting and only on election day would impact people who work long hours — hospital employees, first responders, day care workers, etc. who may not have time to stand in long lines to vote. Oregon should NOT go back to a system that disenfranchises people instead of helping more citizens to vote. The elderly and disabled would have to go back to requesting an absentee ballot.

Since Oregon began vote-by-mail, there have only been 4 cases of fraud that were prosecuted.

Our vote-by-mail system works so well that other states have implemented it. Let's continue to be leaders in enfranchising our citizens and allow them easy access to voting.

Our voting system works, don't touch it!!