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I'm writing to urge you to oppose SB 210 and keep Oregon voting by mail. As a proud Oregonian I see the benefit to myself and my family every time we vote, particularly in a small rural area.

As someone who has lived in other states, the absolute shenanigans that can occur around voting are (and have been in my life) significant. I have seen districts move voting areas 15 miles out of town down the highway (assumedly to discourage people who don't have vehicles from voting), I've seen places that didn't advertise where to go so that people were confused as to where they needed to be (although that may not have been malicious, but simply incompetence). And I've stood in long long lines, sometimes for hours. In 2016 I stood outside in the snow with a bunch of people doing jumping jacks and trying to keep our bodies warm simply because there wasn't enough room in the building and the line was quite literally out the door. We were there for about 4 hours.

Obviously that wasn't fun for me, but we know who these policies really hinder; the disabled, the elderly, the people who don't have vehicles or access to them, or anyone who can't get the time off to vote (I know it's the law, but many employers engage in shenanigans too).

Getting rid of voting by mail doesn't stop the gameplaying, it exacerbates it.