

March 31, 2025

Re: SB 210

To Whom It May Concern:

Oregon currently has excellent voting procedures. It is efficient, cost-effective, and accurate. I have worked elections twice at the local Jackson County Board of Elections and am impressed with the professionalism of the paid staff and the volunteers, as well as the work that is done to ensure safe and fair elections.

Mail elections help folks in rural areas, the elderly and people with disabilities vote while in-person voting makes it more difficult for these populations to get to a voting booth. Mail elections allow for people to research candidates and issues, make decisions in the privacy of their home with time for consideration. Oregon's current legislation that allows ballots that are postmarked the day of the election to be counted increases participation.

Voting should be easy. That's what democracy should be about. And Oregon is the leader in voting ease without sacrificing accuracy.

SB 210 would set Oregon voting procedures back 20 years. It would reduce voting participation by making it one day in-person – passing a logistical burden to voters and privileging those with cars. It would increase costs (in-person voting is more expensive).

I thoroughly oppose SB 210 for these reasons.

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