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There has yet to be presented a good, valid reason to switch our voting process to in person for the State of Oregon and it will only serve as a detriment.

First, our vote by mail process has been reviewed and shown to be secure for decades, and among millions of votes cast the number of fraudulent votes are merely a few dozen. The clamor from certain talking heads is simply that, and has never provided any evidence of fraud.

Second, universal mail voting, used by several states in addition to Oregon, has been shown to increase voter turnout across all parties when it is implemented. A healthy democracy depends on participation, and mail voting gets us closer to that goal.

Third, cost. Setting up polling booths across the state can bring its own cost, and among states that have implemented mail voting the savings is between 25 and 50 percent of the polling budget

In conclusion, SB210 is a poor policy proposal as it will cost taxpayers more to lower voter turnout to solve a non existent problem.