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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB210

As a lifelong Oregonian, I oppose SB 210. For me personally, mail-in voting is convenient. For Oregon (and hopefully, someday, for the nation) it represents an effective and secure way to encourage more legally qualified voters to participate in our Democracy.

I am proud that my state has led the way for mail-in voting. As the numbers demonstrate, it works. Don't we want to encourage voters to vote?

Our vote by mail system represents another example of Oregon breaking trail and setting a good example. Reversing this innovative and common sense approach to voting represents a step backward for fairness and convenience.

I work full time and have a busy life. It's easier to complete my ballot at home, where I can take my time pondering my choices. Also, I do not need to plan when to go to a specific location where I may have to wait for an unknown period of time. For many Oregonians, this legislation would make it incredibly difficult or practically impossible to vote.

Our current system took a great deal of effort to develop and improve. Let's build on this important work and improve it, rather than lose something great.