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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB210

Dear Senator Manning,
No on SB210

I have been a member of Oregon's League of Women Voters for the past 50 years. The League (LWVOR) initiated and championed Vote by Mail (VBM) before 1981, when the first counties began voting by mail. Those counties were successful, and by 1987 the majority of counties voted by mail. In 1992 a Governor's Task force on Local Government Services identified statewide vote-by-mail as one the most significant opportunities to save money on conducting elections. In 1998 voters passed Measure 60, enacting permanent VBM.

Our VBM system is the most successful voting method available. It is virtually fraud-free, easy to use, secure, reliable and saves money when conducting elections.

I am asking you to stand firm in the face of onslaught by our President against voting rights and VBM in particular. His stance against it is solely to make voting harder. I know you will do the right thing and keep Vote By Mail for Oregon.

Thank you for your work in the Oregon Senate.