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SB210

SB 210 Is a solution in search of a problem. It would disenfranchise thousands of voters in Oregon by making it harder to vote. The rationale for this proposed bill is based on the erroneous assertion that there is voter fraud by allowing citizens to vote by mail. That simply is not true. Oregon has one of the highest voter turnout rates in the country, this bill would change that. In my opinion, that is the purpose, to keep certain voters such as the elderly, the ill, minority voters, and poor people who may not have transportation to the polls among others from voting. Those voters traditionally vote Democratic, so this is an attempt to disenfranchise those voters and discourage their participation in the electoral process.

So who would benefit from this proposed change? Would Oregon save money, most likely not, it may cost more to do in-person voting across the state. Would more voters turn out? No, the rate would go down. The only people that would benefit from this is the Republican party which has lost its way and cannot win any other way than by cheating and keeping people from voting. I urge you to vote NO on SB 210.