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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB210

I firmly oppose measure SB210! The proposed changes in SB 210 would undermine the voting rights of our most vulnerable populations, including working parents, seniors, and individuals with disabilities. These communities rely on the accessibility of postal voting, which has proven to enhance voter participation nationwide. Oregon has led the way with its universal vote-by-mail system, allowing citizens to consider their choices thoughtfully and participate without the pressures of a single Election Day.

Our system is not only effective, but it is also safe and secure, backed by robust measures to ensure only eligible voters can cast their ballots and to detect any attempts at fraud. SB 210 is built on unfounded claims about voter fraud and fails to recognize the success of our long-standing mail-in voting system, which has been in place for 30 years. Transitioning to mandatory in-person voting would necessitate enormous infrastructure changes—additional polling places and election workers—which we currently do not have. Protecting our voting system is essential, and SB 210 threatens that progress.