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I STRONGLY SUPPORT SB 210.

Vote-by-Mail is not a secure voting system because ballots have no chain of custody. Our ballot (and vote) is the cornerstone of our governance. It's how we elect representatives and make decisions together as a people. A ballot is worth more than a \$1,000 bill (think about taxes). Yet, because our voter rolls are not properly maintained, our state sends them out to, in many cases, deceased people, to people no longer living at an address, or to non-existent individuals. IT IS NOT A SECURE SYSTEM.

It is unfortunate to see so many people willing to trade their governance and liberty for convenience. Taking the time to go to one's precinct to cast their vote, is a privilege (just ask people in other countries who don't have this privilege). I do believe we need to make Election Day a national holiday so would suggest an amendment to that end.

As for showing ID, we are required to show ID all the time: to go to Costco, travel, attend venues, get a library card, buy alcohol, buy cough syrup, buy dry ice....and the list goes on. Why is it appropriate in all these other situations but only burdensome when it comes to voting?? And it is IMPERATIVE that citizenship is confirmed. Voting is a right afforded to CITIZENS by our US and State Constitutions.

Please support this bill and amend it to make Election Day a holiday.