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SB210

I oppose Measure SB 210 as it reverses improved accessibility to mail-in voting. Many voters who have poor connectivity to recent events/law changes (the elderly, for example) or are highly dependent on others and also have mobility issues or transportation concerns will find the absence of default mail-in voting options to be a significant challenge to overcome and may actually prevent them from casting votes. Those like myself who cannot simply take time off to go vote in person (essential workers or otherwise workers who are not granted time to vote - and voting leave does not exist in Oregon) will struggle. Those who work alternative shift times will struggle to vote in person. Mail-in voting has overall increased the percentage of Oregon votes in elections, so revoking this as a default option will decrease voter turnout/votes. SB 210 also poses that voters will be responsible for paying their own postage to return a mail-in ballot, when this is a service that should be provided by the State of Oregon - therefore voters will have to essentially pay to vote by mail (already demonstrating non-equality to those who are able-bodied and have the time to go to polling stations). Thusly, I strongly oppose SB 210.