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I AM OPPOSED TO SB 210!

Whose hair brained, Republican idea is this? Elections and vote by mail has been functioning perfectly in Oregon for a quarter of a decade. There are things that I could criticize about Oregon elections, like our closed primaries, but Vote by Mail is not one of those.

To require people to vote on one day, in one assigned place, will do one thing, it will cut down on the number of people who are easily able to vote. It will disenfranchise people from exercising their democracy! The elderly, the poor, the sick and people without transportation are groups that will be so effected! Republicans are hoping that it will limit the number of Democratic votes and give them an upper hand when it comes to legislation, even though they are a minority population in this state!

Eliminating the period of time before election day, that people are able to study the candidates and the issues that are up for a vote, will lead to a less informed electorate. Something that Republicans also think will benefit their side.

Finally, our elections are secure! These changes brought forth in this bill will do nothing to prevent fraud. As a matter of fact it provides more of an opportunity for fraud to happen, right there in the precincts, with many more potential hands that can interfere with a ballot.

Also, we already show our ID and social security cards when getting our driver's license and registering to vote! We don't need a special ID card to be able to vote.

This requirement is also aimed at cutting down on the number of voters not on the number of instances of election fraud.