

March 31, 2025

Regarding SB 210, making in-person voting on election day the standard method of voting in Oregon, I strongly oppose this measure. I am a registered voter and retired Registered Nurse who moved to Polk County in 2024.

For years, while working 12-hour day shifts as a Registered Nurse in my community hospital's Intensive Care Unit in Spokane Washington, I was a disenfranchised voter. Leaving home at 6:30 am for my 7am start of shift, and most often not leaving work until well after the 7:30 pm end of shift, I had no time to make it to the polls. It was only after Washington State passed a vote-by-mail law that my right to vote was realized.

For registered voters who don't have the privilege of leaving work or home to present for in-person voting, this bill does not serve to make our elections more secure. Instead, it disenfranchises citizens with mobility and transportation challenges, and others like me who are unable to excuse ourselves from essential work to make it to a voting place.

Please vote NO on SB 210. This is a step backward to an oppressive time in our history when only the privileged made decisions impacting all of us.

Respectfully submitted,

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