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It is clear to me that this bill, SB 210, has been put forward in an effort to suppress voting by eligible voters. We do not here in the state of Oregon have a problem with voter fraud. The only single instance I've heard of any nefarious voting shenanigans was committed by a single Republican elections employee of Clackamas County, Deanna Swenson, and she was caught.

We already limit voting to citizens eligible on the basis of residency, citizenship, and age. Vote by mail ensures that everyone who is eligible can vote with ease. Forcing my 90 year old father, who is partially paralyzed from a stroke and in a wheelchair, to a polling place on Election Day to wait for potentially hours in Oregon November weather is unreasonable and is an obvious effort to keep him, others like him, and others who would have difficulty reaching a polling place for any reason from voting. The only purpose of this bill is precisely to commit voting fraud by preventing people from exercising their right to vote.

Senator David Brock Smith sponsoring the bill understands full well that its sole purpose is to keep eligible people from voting. He knows full well that we do not have a voter fraud problem in this state linked to vote by mail.