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I oppose SB 210. Oregon has made a commitment to make voting accessible to all constituents. Mail-in voting has been a proven and secure method to participate in democratic voting. In-person voting would make this process inaccessible to people who are home-bound, unable to find transportation to their nearest voting site, those who cannot easily miss work in order to vote in person, or those living in rural areas where polling sites are going to be less available - this is not an exhaustive list. In-person voting has also been a method of voter suppression. Unless the State is willing to make all elections a mandatory holiday where employers must give all eligible voters time off and also make reasonable accommodations for in-person voting to be as accessible as possible, then mail-in voting should be kept as the standard method for conducting an election.