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SB210

I am writing in opposition of SB 210. Oregon's vote-by-mail system has worked perfectly well for decades and attempts to dismantle this are based in fear-mongering and voter disenfranchisement. Voting by mail allows voters to do research on their own time, make well-informed decisions, and easily participate in our democracy. Instead of being forced to take time off work, find transportation to a polling place, and make arrangements to stand in line for hours, we can carefully review our options at home and drop our ballots in the mailbox. This is a fantastic system that has been effective for the people of Oregon for decades. I have yet to speak with an Oregonian who dislikes this system and I have heard from many people in other states who wished they followed Oregon's lead. I have yet to see any real compelling evidence that voting by mail has any outsized risks or vulnerabilities compared to other methods. This is a shameful proposal meant to prevent the people from exercising our right to participate in our own government. Please reject SB 210 and maintain our highly safe and effective vote-by-mail system.