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I oppose SB210 because believe it suppresses voting rather than making it easier for voters to make an informed choice.

When my partner and I vote, we sit down together and go through the information book, read about the candidates and measures, arguments for and against, who is making those arguments, and using this information to make an informed choice about candidates and issues in my community. This is just not an option when voting in person.

Additionally, I travel for work and may very well be away from home or even out of the country on Election Day without the luxury of planning or arranging for early voting. Removing voting by mail could very well strip my ability to vote, which is a duty I do not take lightly. I have voted in every local and national election since I turned 18.

Finally, any attempt to discourage voting silences the will of the people, and when people turn out they are empowered. I believe this bill would move to diminish the people's power and further impede our progress towards a fair and just society where our voice matters and is heard.