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I am writing to support SB-210. While mail in voting does make voting easier, it can open the door to potential fraud; for example others signing ballots that are not their own. Over the years, I've heard others admit to signing their partner's ballot; away-at-college children's ballots, an invalid parent. It does happen. This past election saw signature rejections at all time highs across all counties in Oregon. Why? Has a report been done to investigate why there were so many signature verification rejections? I am confident in our elections workers, especially Clackamas County where I witnessed first hand the care given to each and every received ballot that was processed to ensure the upmost integrity. Unfortunately, these same workers are unable to prevent potential abuse on the front-end (from when mail-in ballots hit mailboxes to arriving at a County ballot box or received in the mail.) My son's company gives all its US works the day off to vote (1600 employees across the US). What a concept!

Voting in person (make this a national holiday) eliminates this. Offer mail-in to those with accessibility challenges. Several international countries have banned mail-in voting because of abuse of the mail-in system. These countries are Mexico, France, Italy, Sweden, Belgium and Japan. Unfortunately Oregon is one of the last states to finalize its election results and we are 27th in terms of population. States much larger than us are able to report results faster -- Georgia, Florida, Texas to name a few. Waiting 3-4 weeks post-election for final results creates unnecessary questions of election integrity. Having results with 1-2 days of an election, rather than weeks out will significantly curb election integrity questions. Accessibility is vital and does not have to be compromised. There also should be a balance so the system is streamlined and deters potential election integrity issues on the front-end of mail-in ballots.

Thank you!