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SB210

I am writing in opposition of SB 210, an absolute affront to democracy. Voting should have the fewest barriers possible, while maintaining security and integrity. Our current system has allowed millions to vote with ease. Making people vote in-person is extremely inequitable for those without jobs that allow enough time to be taken off or those who may not be able to travel to a polling place. Similar regressive policies are in effect for many other states and it's a form of cruel disenfranchisement.

It's a completely false claim that there is rampant voter fraud. Very few cases have been found in our state a similarly small amount of cases across the country. Forcing people to vote in-person is also not necessarily a magic bullet to completely fix this issue. Voter fraud can occur in any system and we have effective protective measures in place. This bill solely exists to disenfranchise less privileged voters, something that the party of the author of this bill benefits from.

Our country is being crushed by a political party that has directly benefited from flawed voting systems, compared to other various parties. Two presidents in the past 25 years have been elected by a minority of voters, subjecting the other 50+ percent of voters to policy they do not support. This is ignoring all of the voters across the country who are unable to vote due to bills such as this and the apathy that persists through a majority of the country with such flawed election results.

We are lucky to have such a great voting system in Oregon, one that encourages participation rather than overly scrutinizes voters and discourages democracy. We cannot afford to deter legal voters who are unable to vote in-person to solve a virtually non-existent voter fraud issue, for a solution that carries no guarantee to decrease voter fraud.

Thank you.