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Oregon's vote-by-mail system has long demonstrated itself to be a secure and efficient way to make the voice of our communities heard. Seniors, people with disabilities, parents, workers, and active duty military count on mail-in ballots to participate in democracy; attempting to complicate the process for these vast swaths of our populace is nothing short of a bad-faith attempt at voter suppression. Voter participation in the United States has historically been anemic, in part due to in-person voting requirements that make the democratic process simply untenable for so many. Oregon's current mail-in system, in contrast, works well; there is no significant voter fraud to justify a change, increase cost, and once again make it harder for people to vote. I am strongly opposed to this bill that would make in-person voting, on the date of an election, the standard method for conducting an election. Oregonians know better than to backpedal on democracy even more.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on SB 210.