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SB210

I am voicing opposition to SB 210. This bill seeks to limit voting access by removing free postage for mail-in ballots and by making in-person voting the standard method of voting. Voting should be as easy as possible in this country for everyone who is eligible to vote. Voting by mail has been a standard practice for many counties across the country for at least two decades. There are no major incidents of voter fraud occurring as a result of mail-in ballot voting. This bill also seeks to overturn the longstanding practice that mail-in ballots be counted as long as they are mailed on election day. There is no reason to throw out ballots that have been postmarked on but not received by election day. This again would only limit people's ability to vote and create arbitrary restrictions that benefit nobody and only serve to validate conspiracy theories that mail-in ballot voting is somehow more subject to voter fraud. I recommend that the this committee and the Oregon Legislature reject this bill that does nothing for the people of Oregon's right to vote.