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SB210

Hello Oregon Legislature,

I am in strong opposition to SB-210. Voting by mail is critical to ensuring that every eligible voter is able to participate in the democratic process. Vote-by-mail is essential to maintaining democracy in Oregon and removes the common barriers to voting such as transportation limitations, work commitments, illness, family obligations or ability access. Removing vote-by-mail would not only disproportionately affect people of color, older adults, people of low-socioeconomic class (yes, I am using all of Trump's most hated words), it would impact the democratic process for everyone. Make no mistake, this bill is a full force attack on democracy as an institution and is rooted in the belief that voting is a privilege for the few, not a right for every person, regardless of party, in the State of Oregon. At every turn, those who seek to gain favor from a self imposed dictator are working to remove our rights, divide us against each other, and ensure that we keep our attention on those below us rather than those their boots on our necks. Shame on Senator David Brock Smith, Shame on Kim Thatcher, and shame on anyone who supports this bill.