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SB210

As an older, disabled adult with multiple chronic conditions, SB 210 would place an undue burden on me. In the years that Oregon has voted by mail, my ability to thoroughly research candidates and measures (and to discuss them with my family) has improved immeasurably. Particularly for less prominent positions (Drainage District, anyone), it can be difficult to find out districts, seats, candidates until looking at one's ballot. The last week in October has become research time.

When I began having issues with mobility, I took for granted Oregon's Mail In system, and appreciated not having to get somewhere on Election Day. Now, I have days where getting to a polling place would be overwhelming.

And when I think about my adult children- working full time jobs with long hours; juggling childcare, their partners' schedules- they have grown up with Mail In Voting, and do not need barriers being placed between them and their electoral rights.

I urge legislators to reject this blatant attempt to limit voting rights, and to instead focus on defending Oregon's model system.

Thank you,

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