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SB 210 is a thinly veiled attempt to suppress access to voting.

Our decades-long practice of voting by mail in Oregon has proven to be effective and secure. It's favored by voters across the political spectrum. In recent years, vote-by-mail and automatic voter registration have given us one of the highest election turnouts in the country.

Voting by mail encourages educated voting and increases access. Standing in line at a crowded polling site is difficult or impossible for many Oregonians like myself. Requiring in-person voting would discourage and prevent those who work during polling hours, single parents and other caregivers, elderly and disabled people, those without transportation, and many others from participating in their constitutional right to vote.

Please dismiss SB 210 for what it is: discriminatory and anti-democratic.

Thank you,
Jakob Vala