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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB210

I urge the legislature to oppose SB210 which would end vote-by-mail in Oregon.

The Oregon Legislature first approved mail-in voting in 1981 and it was adopted by a majority of counties by 1987. But it wasn't until 1998 that Oregon voters approved a measure requiring that all elections be vote by mail. The state then became the first to conduct a presidential election by mail in 2000.

Oregon and Washington have seen over 75% average voter turnout in the last few presidential elections. I believe vote-by-mail is largely responsible for this high voter turnout.

We should be making voting easier in Oregon and across the USA. Voting is the basis for ALL our civil rights. Claims that voter fraud is rampant is pure bunk. A person is more likely to be hit by lightning than to experience voter fraud.

Send SB210 to the dustbin of history.