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I am writing to express my vehement opposition to any attempt at repealing mail-in voting in the state of Oregon. This great state has long supported accessible and secure elections to ensure every eligible voter can participate in free and fair elections. The success of these measures is shown in the data - Oregon ranks THIRD among all states in turnout for the 2020 election. Anecdotally, I have lived and voted in Florida, Massachusetts, Illinois, Washington, and Oregon, and Oregon has been, by far, the most seamless and straightforward voting process in my experience.

As lawmakers on both sides of the aisle are well aware, removing this decades-old, proven system of mail-in voting would negatively impact our elderly population, as well as those of lower socioeconomic status and those in rural areas. Moreover, it is an anti-democratic attempt at voter suppression under the guise of 'election security'. Unfortunately, this fear-based propaganda has taken hold in some portion of our constituency, despite the lack of data to support underlying claims of fraud. It is a blatant attempt to move our state backwards, particularly in an area where Oregon is currently a nationwide leader.

I strongly oppose SB 210 and any similar attempt to suppress our right to vote.