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Please do not consider supporting SB210. Oregon's vote-by-mail system should be heralded as an advancement in our country that allows all residents to participate in our country's political system. It should always be the goal of our government to encourage our citizens to vote in all elections, and systems like vote-by-mail that help reduce reasons why someone might not vote should always be supported.

Any actions that make it harder for a citizen of this country to place their vote should be seen as exactly what it is: voter suppression. The goal of such actions are only to restrict who can participate in our political system. Anyone who supports such actions is an enemy of democracy.

If anyone has any fears of false votes or corruption of the vote-by-mail system then their goal should be identifying ways to strengthen the system, not take it away. If anyone can find legitimate errors in the system, then they can find fixes for those problems. If they claim that something cannot be fixed, then that means they do not have evidence of legitimate errors in said system.

Again, the goal should always be to encourage our citizens to vote more (Even those we disagree with!), so we should always be working to improve systems like vote-by-mail, and to find ways to further reduce the reasons why people might not vote. The conversation should always be about how we can more easily verify our voters and encourage them to get out and vote, not the other way around! Anyone who argues to the contrary is someone who specifically wants to see less citizens of this country participating in our political system, and that person is an enemy of our country.