

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Bill 210, which seeks to eliminate Oregon's vote-by-mail system and require in-person voting. Oregon has been a leader in accessible, secure, and efficient elections for decades, and this bill would dismantle a system that has increased voter participation and safeguarded democracy.

Vote-by-mail has been in place in Oregon since 1998, and it has consistently proven to be secure, cost-effective, and widely supported by voters across the political spectrum. It allows working people, seniors, rural residents, and those with disabilities the opportunity to vote without unnecessary barriers. Eliminating this system in favor of in-person voting would create unnecessary obstacles, disproportionately impacting those who may struggle to reach a polling place due to work schedules, transportation issues, or health concerns.

Furthermore, there is no evidence of widespread fraud in Oregon's vote-by-mail system. In fact, the state's robust security measures—including signature verification and ballot tracking—ensure election integrity while making voting more accessible. Moving to in-person only voting would not enhance security but would instead lead to lower voter turnout and increased administrative costs for local governments.

Rather than restricting access to the ballot, Oregon should continue to lead the nation in making voting accessible, secure, and convenient. I urge you to oppose [Bill Number] and stand with Oregonians in protecting our proven and effective vote-by-mail system.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I would appreciate the opportunity to discuss this matter further and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Paisley Vinson