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SB210

I oppose SB 210 in Oregon because it threatens to take away the accessibility and convenience of our long-standing vote-by-mail system, which has helped increase voter participation. Requiring in-person voting on Election Day would create unnecessary barriers, especially for people with disabilities, elderly voters, those working long shifts, and rural residents who may struggle to reach polling places. The additional requirement for government-issued identification could also prevent eligible voters from casting their ballots. On top of that, removing state-paid postage for mail-in ballots places an extra burden on voters, particularly those with lower incomes. This bill would take us backward by making it harder for Oregonians to vote instead of ensuring that every voice is heard. I strongly oppose SB 210 and urge legislators to protect accessible voting for all.