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I strongly oppose Oregon Senate Bill 210, as it threatens to undermine the well-established and highly successful vote-by-mail system that has served Oregonians for decades. Any changes to our election process should be based on clear evidence of necessity, not unfounded concerns that ignore the proven integrity and effectiveness of our current system.

Oregon's vote-by-mail system has been a model of success since its full implementation in 2000. By mailing ballots to all registered voters, the state has consistently achieved high voter participation rates. In the 2020 presidential election, for instance, Oregon recorded a turnout rate of 75.3% among eligible voters, reflecting the system's effectiveness in encouraging civic engagement.

Concerns about voter fraud in mail-in voting have been thoroughly investigated, and findings indicate that such instances are exceedingly rare. Between 2000 and 2019, approximately 61 million ballots were cast in Oregon, with only 38 criminal convictions for voter fraud during that period—a rate of about 0.00006%. These statistics underscore the integrity and security of Oregon's vote-by-mail system, demonstrating its success in facilitating accessible and trustworthy elections.

Below are a compiled list of sources:

1. **\*\*Voter Turnout in Oregon's Vote-by-Mail System\*\***:
  - Oregon has consistently demonstrated high voter turnout rates since implementing vote-by-mail. For instance, the 2020 presidential election saw a turnout of 78.5% among registered voters.?
  - Source: [Voter Turnout History for General Elections - Oregon Secretary of State]([https://sos.oregon.gov/elections/Documents/Voter\\_Turnout\\_History\\_General\\_Election.pdf](https://sos.oregon.gov/elections/Documents/Voter_Turnout_History_General_Election.pdf))
2. **\*\*Voter Fraud Statistics in Oregon\*\***:
  - Between 2000 and 2019, approximately 60.9 million ballots were cast in Oregon, with only 38 criminal convictions for voter fraud during that period, indicating an extremely low incidence rate.?
  - Source: [New Legislative Fiscal Office Review of Oregon Vote by Mail: "Voter Fraud is Exceedingly Rare"](<https://www.wweek.com/news/2020/10/19/new-legislative-fiscal-office-review-of-oregon-vote-by-mail-voter-fraud-is-exceedingly-rare/>)

3. **\*\*History and Implementation of Vote-by-Mail in Oregon\*\***:

- Oregon pioneered the vote-by-mail system, conducting its first all-mail election in 2000. The system has been credited with increasing voter participation and maintaining election integrity.?

- Source: [A Brief History of Vote By Mail in Oregon | Multnomah County](<https://multco.us/info/brief-history-vote-mail-oregon>)

These sources provide comprehensive insights into the effectiveness and security of Oregon's vote-by-mail system.?