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I oppose SB210 and any measure that attempts to repeal or diminish Oregon's mail in voting system. I have lived in Oregon for the majority of my voting years and voting has been a pleasant process wherein I have plenty of time to research candidates from the comfort of my home with the voter's pamphlet and access to everyone's positions out in front of me as I vote. I have heard and seen nothing but horror stories from every one of my friends and relatives that live in other states and are required to vote in person. VOTE BY MAIL SHOULD BE THE STANDARD ACROSS THE COUNTRY UNTIL ELECTION DAY IS A MADE A FEDERAL HOLIDAY. Oregon has some of the highest voter turnouts in the country and vote by mail plays a huge role in that success. Forcing people to vote in person, without guaranteeing them a day free from external obligation to do so is an attempt to suppress votes. I already know that my extremely demanding and unpredictable job will be a burden and make it difficult to guarantee I can be at the polls to vote in person in the small window of time with which I will be allowed. Mail in voting is a system to aspire to, not a system to repeal!