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Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony. I have been able to vote in every election in Oregon since my 18th birthday thanks to our vote by mail system. I'm now writing in opposition to SB 210 which would take that system out, with few exceptions.

We have been shown many times that our voting system is secure. Though no system is foolproof, as shown in my research that listed 67 incidents of primary or general election ineligible voting as fraud type since 2016, nationwide. Of note, none were in Oregon. When widening the search parameters in the same timeframe, the 6 results in Oregon, all caught, were duplicate voting and ballot petition fraud. This tells me our system is indeed strong since that's 6 results out of over 7 million votes cast since 2016. I'm sure there's more data out there, but in general the facts I find do not support changing our accessible voting system.

Accessible, what do I mean? Working people, disabled people, car free people in transit limited areas, rural people, stay at home parents with no child care or transport options, the list goes on. Vote by mail has made voting easily accessible to all eligible, and forcing long waits at designated locations really seems unnecessary at this time. Thank you for considering my testimony.