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SB210

Pardon my bluntness, but why am I spending my precious free time urging a legislative body to wholeheartedly reject the bill of two senators who are quite obviously engaging in political posturing?

There is no evidence of widespread voter fraud. Even the highly partisan Heritage Foundation has just seventeen cases of documented voter fraud in Oregon...since 2000. Even if I only include ballots submitted during general elections from 2018 through 2022, approximately six million, the percentage of fraudulent votes in Oregon would be around 0.000003%. Imagine how many zeroes I would have to add behind that decimal if I included all of the elections!

<https://electionfraud.heritage.org/>

[https://sos.oregon.gov/elections/Documents/Voter\\_Turnout\\_History\\_General\\_Election.pdf](https://sos.oregon.gov/elections/Documents/Voter_Turnout_History_General_Election.pdf)

There is no evidence that mail-in ballots favor any political party in the rates of participation or shares of votes. So a Democratic scheme to undermine the integrity of Oregon elections seems highly unlikely.

<https://web.archive.org/web/20211110170235/https://siepr.stanford.edu/research/publications/neutral-partisan-effects-vote-mail-evidence-county-level-roll-outs>

<https://www.science.org/content/article/do-republicans-or-democrats-benefit-mail-voting-it-turns-out-neither>

So Senators Smith and Thatcher, what are your justifications for SB210? Since moving from Louisiana in 2018, I have become more civically engaged because of Oregon's universal mail-in ballot system as well as the accompanying voters' pamphlet. The state has effective safeguards against voter fraud already in place. Noticeably lacking in the bill was any mention of election day as a holiday and paid time off for those still required to work.

I oppose SB210. Keep voting accessible to all Oregonians. Stop indulging the false accusations.