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SB210

I strongly oppose SB 210. I have personally monitored the ballot verification process and am aware of no evidence suggesting our vote-by-mail system presents any meaningful risk of fraud or undue influence.

In light of the evidence, I cannot imagine why anyone would want to revert to the system contemplated by SB 210, other than a desire to make voting more difficult, particularly for people who live far from polling stations, who lack convenient transportation to the polling stations, who are disabled, or who have other obligations on election day (such as work, child- or elder care, just to name a few).

Oregon's vote-by-mail system clearly works and is an important part of "the Oregon way." It is especially important in this era when poll workers are sometimes threatened by those who wish to suppress the vote.

I strongly oppose reverting to a system that makes in-person voting on election day the standard method for conducting an election.