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As a long time vote-by-mail voter, I feel that SB210 is a solution in search of a problem. Oregon has very successfully implemented a secure vote by mail system that has worked very well for decades and allows the fullest participation of Oregon's citizenry in our democratic process. As a person who works full time, the ability to mail or drop off my ballot in a drop box without having to take time off from work is important to me. In addition, I feel that getting to have the ballot earlier than election day and really sit with it and consider information, research, and vote over multiple days makes for the best informed decisions on my part.

But it's not just about me. There are many people who have barriers to in-person voting including distance to polling places, transportation, health issues that limit mobility, child care needs, etc. Oregon's vote by mail system allows all of these people to participate in our system and accommodates their needs.

With improving technology, there are even more reasons to feel secure about vote by mail. I live in Multnomah County and have signed up for the Track My Ballot system. The system is free and I now get a text saying when my ballot has been sent out and, after I vote, when my ballot has been accepted.

As a long-time Oregon resident, I heartily support our vote by mail system. I strongly oppose this bill and ask you to do the same.

Thank you,
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