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SB210

The Oregon Legislature must vote a resounding NO on SB210. Oregonians can be proud of our current process which promotes informed participation by every eligible voter in a highly secure process. We maximize the degree to which voters are informed by distributing information in advance of every election. We maximize participation by eligible voters by mailing out ballots in advance, giving voters time to understand the issues before making their choices in advance of Election Day. And we ensure the integrity of elections by multiple means, including a transparent, paper record of every vote, verified by signature. The record is clear - millions and millions of votes have been cast this way over decades, with no more than a handful of cases of fraud. The bill would limit or constrain participation by eligible voters at a time when we need to encourage participation. In 2024 about 77 million votes were counted for Donald Trump and about 75 million votes were counted for Kamala Harris, while 90 MILLION did not cast a ballot. For a healthy democracy we need to encourage more participation by citizens in the process, not less. Reject this attempt to unnecessarily limit access to the voting process and preserve an election system in Oregon that we can all be proud of. In fact, it's time to declare Election Day a state holiday. Let's get back to "government of the people, by the people, and for the people. "