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SB210

Dear Rules Committee Members,

I am writing in full support of SB210. I am urging the committee and Oregon's legislature to abandon vote by mail, because it is insecure — and because it is insecure, the results cannot be trusted. The vast majority of developed nations do not allow widespread, and certainly not 100%, vote by mail. Instead, they use in-person voting where voters must show their ID. Even countries like India manage to handle the elections in person despite having over a billion people.

The largest problem with Oregon's vote by mail is that Oregon allows for attestation rather than actual IDs that are checked in person at some point. Just to give you an example my oldest daughter registered online to vote when she turned 18. When she moved to college, she re-registered. While at college, she moved two more times. At no point was she ever asked to show her ID. At one point he had gone in to the Polk County clerk to re-register in person and attempted to show them her ID. But they refused to look at it.

If there is even a chance of dishonest people exploiting potential loopholes in Oregon's voting system, then we need to do everything possible to secure our elections. The process to having trust in our elections is simple and straightforward. Clean up the voter rolls, require ID, and do away with 100% vote by mail. Some exceptions for absentees and people who are legitimately physically unable to get to the voting booths can be made.

But to not want, nor take steps to secure, our elections send the loud and clear message that politicians want to cheat.

Respectfully,

Mark Anderson