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As a concerned citizen of the great state of Oregon, I strongly oppose SB 210 which eliminates vote by mail. This system has been a cornerstone of our democracy, providing accessibility and security for voters across our state.

Vote by mail has proven to increase voter participation, especially among those who face barriers to in-person voting, such as the elderly, disabled, and those living in rural areas. By removing this option, we risk disenfranchising many Oregonians who rely on the convenience and flexibility that mail-in voting provides.

Moreover, the integrity of our elections has been upheld under the vote by mail system, with numerous studies showing that it does not lead to increased fraud. Instead of dismantling a successful process, we should focus on enhancing it - ensuring that every eligible citizen has the opportunity to make their voice heard in a safe and efficient manner.

In a time when we should be encouraging participation and fostering trust in our electoral system, this bill represents a huge step backward. I urge lawmakers to reconsider this proposal and to prioritize the democratic rights of all Oregonians.