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Voting is one of the most important rights we have as citizens. Oregon's decades-old, proven vote-by-mail system honors that right by making voting convenient and accessible to all eligible voters. Making in-person voting the standard, as proposed by SB210, would be a huge step backward that would erode voter trust, impose harmful burdens on this crucial right, and depress voter turnout. The current system works incredibly well. Voter fraud is virtually non-existent.

The mail-in system gives all Oregon voters ample opportunity to exercise their fundamental right. This is particularly crucial for the elderly, disabled, and those with inflexible and atypical work schedules, for whom in-person voting is difficult or impossible. It also includes those living in counties with an insufficient number of in-person voting locations, resulting in lengthy waits and allows for easy voting even during adverse weather conditions. Most importantly, in my opinion, mail-in voting is not impacted by intimidation and other tactics that can be employed at in-person voting locations.

This bill is a solution in search of a problem. The current mail-in voting system is superior to in-person voting and something Oregon can take pride in. This bill threatens the fundamental right of every Oregonian to vote. VOTE NO ON SB210.