

Subject: SB210 – If Mail-In Voting Is So “Safe,” Why Are You All So Afraid of Accountability?

Dear Oregon Legislators,

Let me guess—you’re already rolling your eyes. Another voter daring to question the sacred cow of Oregon politics: mail-in voting. I get it. It’s so *convenient*... for everyone except the voter who just wants to know that elections are honest, secure, and verifiable.

So let’s get straight to the point. I’m writing to **fully support SB210**, because I’m done pretending that mail-in voting in Oregon is anything other than a **leaking, loophole-riddled mess that nobody in power wants to fix—because you benefit from it.**

Let’s talk about the **MyVote system**. Anyone—yes, *anyone*—with a voter’s **first and last name and date of birth** can log in, access their information, use the ballot marking tool, **print a ballot**, and mail it in. Heck you can do this with Tina Kotek. And don’t use the arbitrary excuse of it’s a felony. Have you seen the prisons lately, full of those who didn’t care. Even better? **You can email in a ballot with zero identity verification.** No ID, no signature match, no questions asked. I’ve seen library cards with tighter protocols.

And to register? You just need an Oregon driver’s license or ID number. You don’t even have to show the ID. Just plug in the number—doesn’t matter if it was exposed in a **DMV data breach** (oh right, that happened). But yes, trust the system.

I’ve reached out to **two Governors, two Secretaries of State, the Elections Division, multiple legislators, and even the press**, and *not one of you* has bothered to look into any of this. Not even to prove me wrong. And a recent records request reveals that my emails were ignored and literally I was told there were no emails from me when I have proof they were sent. Funny the one about my homelessness was responded to with how I didn’t matter but the ones regarding elections integrity gets nothing. The silence is deafening. Almost like there’s something you don’t want the rest of us to see.

Meanwhile, **ballots have been found in rivers, in ditches, on roadsides, burned in drop boxes, or never received at all.** Counties have logged mishandled ballots, and everyday voters are reporting their votes weren’t counted. But yes—mail-in voting is *flawless*, and any concern is just “misinformation.”

Let’s not forget—before mail-in voting, Oregon’s governorship went back and forth. Balance. Fairness. But since vote-by-mail was cemented? **Every. Single. Governor. A Democrat. For over 25 years.** Now maybe that’s just the will of the people—or maybe when you build a system with zero safeguards and endless blind spots, things start leaning in a very predictable direction.

And then there’s the **Motor Voter law**. During the debate, many of us said, “Don’t do this. It’s going to register people who shouldn’t be registered.” We were told we were paranoid. Wrong. Conspiratorial. Well, guess what? **We were right.** It has registered ineligible voters. It’s changed people’s party affiliations without consent. We saw it coming—and you ignored it.

You told us vote-by-mail was an “experiment.” Fine. **Let’s run another one: in-person voting, with required photo ID.** If we were willing to try vote-by-mail “just to see how it works,” we sure as hell should be willing to try going back. If we’re wrong, we’re wrong. But **if we’re right, we just saved the state from decades of fraud-ridden chaos.** What are you so afraid of?

And no—supporting in-person voting **doesn’t mean abandoning the elderly, disabled, or homebound.** Unlike your “trust us” plan, **I propose a secure proxy voting system** that balances access with integrity:

Secure Proxy Voting System Proposal:

- **Registered Proxy Designation:** A physically or medically limited voter may assign a trusted person as their proxy using notarized documents and licensed medical verification.
- **Strict Vetting:** The proxy must be a registered Oregon voter, verified by ID, and cleared through background checks.
- **Chain of Custody:** The proxy must vote **in person**, provide ID for themselves and the person they represent, and sign a legal affidavit.
- **Annual Review:** Proxy designations must be reauthorized prior to each election cycle.

Simple. Secure. Human. Responsible. And yet I'm sure someone will call it "discriminatory" because it involves actual accountability.

Now, here are just a few questions I'd *love* for someone in power to answer for a change:

1. **If this system is so secure, why does MyVote require less to access and vote than a Facebook password reset?**
2. **Why can we vote by email with no verification, but I can't even renew my license online without a selfie and a code?**
3. **Why won't the Elections Division, the Governor's Office, or the SOS even investigate a reported vulnerability?**
4. **Why does registering to vote not require proof of ID, especially when that same ID database was hacked?**
5. **If Motor Voter is so great, why has it changed party registrations and registered people who aren't eligible?**
6. **If there's no fraud, why are ballots being burned, dumped, ditched, and misplaced across the state?**
7. **Why are you afraid to return to in-person voting with ID?**
8. **Why has one political party controlled the governorship since the start of universal vote-by-mail?**
9. **Why should any citizen trust a system that won't answer to basic scrutiny from the people it's supposed to serve?**
10. **And most of all—why do you expect us to stay quiet while you keep pretending nothing's wrong?**

I support SB210 because I believe Oregon elections should be fair, secure, and accountable to **the people—not the bureaucracy**. You've had your way. Now let the rest of us take a turn.

Sincerely,

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