

Date: 3/30/2025

Re: SB 210

To: Chair Jama, Vice-Chair Bonham, Sen Golden, Sen Manning Jr, and Sen Thatcher,

Please vote NO on SB 210!

I moved to Oregon in 1995. My entire time living here, I have had the benefit of voting by mail and I am proud to say I haven't missed one election as a result. I can't say the same when I had to vote in-person in other states. I am an able body, middle income person who doesn't have the same barriers as many individuals and it is still a hardship when limiting voting to a one-day in-person event.

Here are some key reasons it is important we, in Oregon, maintain our 100% mail-in voting:

- **Reduction in ballot fraud.** In 2020, the Heritage Foundation examined the record in Oregon. The state has used mail elections since 1998. They found 14 cases of attempted mail fraud out of 15.5 million ballots cast. This is an incredibly low incidence of voting fraud compared with the potential for fraud with traditional voting methods.
- **Increase in voter participation.** In 2020, a Stanford University study found that voting turnout increased by 2% in states with vote-by-mail options.
- **Better-informed voters.** There is an increase in ballot engagement by allowing voters more time to consider their votes.
- **Equal participation by party affiliation.** The Stanford study found that the increase in voting changed the amount of people voting but not the composition of eligible voters.

By opposing SB 210, you are supporting our proud tradition of accessible voting for ALL Oregonians.

I appreciate your time and your vote to ensure we maintain our state right.

Vote NO on SB 210!

Sincerely,



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