



# CONSOLIDATED OREGON INDIVISIBLE NETWORK

To: Senate Committee on Rules  
From: Consolidated Oregon Indivisible Network – COIN  
Re: **OPPOSE SB 210**  
Date: March 30, 2025

*Chair Jama, Vice-Chair Bonham, and Members of the Senate Committee on Rules:*

**The Consolidated Oregon Indivisible Network, COIN, strongly urges you NOT to move SB 210 out of committee.** COIN represents more than 50 local grassroots Indivisible groups in all regions of Oregon. The Indivisible Project began as an effort to help ordinary citizens engage in the democratic process and defend threats to democracy. We believe this bill is a threat to democracy, making it more difficult for citizens to exercise their right to vote.

There's a fair amount of written testimony already submitted in favor of this bill (though much more has been submitted opposing it). Almost without exception, the major reason given for supporting this bill is that Vote-by-Mail results in "less secure, fraudulent, or unfair elections in which non-citizens or dead people can easily vote."

There's just no evidence of this and not a single piece of supporting testimony we read provided any.

However, there is evidence to the contrary. Even the conservative [Heritage Foundation's database for tracking voter fraud](#) proves how secure Vote-by Mail is. Since 1982 when Vote-by Mail was first tested on local elections through 2024, a total of 17 cases of voter fraud were found. In 42 years! The [Oregon Secretary of State website](#) provides a robust explanation of security measures in place for Vote-by-Mail, an audit of actual fraud, and much more good information this bill's supporters should read. Plus, we have [many new safeguards](#) that have added to the security of Vote-by-Mail, such as electronic ballot tracking and post-election audits.

If anyone sincerely doubts the security of Oregon's elections, we invite them to contact their county elections office and sign up for one of the demonstrations routinely offered to the public to see exactly how ballots are processed and counted. Anyone who bothers to look for actual research on voter fraud or takes the time to observe the ballot counting process (as opposed to taking the word of dishonest and self-serving politicians) should feel very reassured about the security of elections in Oregon.

While many supporters have claimed that going "back" to in-person, election day voting will restore confidence in our elections, we contend that confidence in elections will be more quickly restored if politicians will simply stop lying to voters about non-existent fraud.

The facts are clear for those willing to see the truth about Mail-in-Voting: It's more convenient so more people vote, it allows time for voters to carefully research all the candidates, it's less expensive, and it's at least as secure as in-person voting. Why wouldn't we choose this every single time?

**SB 210 is not about election security. It's about suppressing voters. It's about making it harder for some people to vote in the hopes of more favorable election results for the party that's lost all but one statewide election since 2000.**

**We urge you to send SB 210 straight to the bill graveyard. It's an attack on democracy and an attack on Oregon voters.**

Respectfully,

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