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Mail-in voting is a staple of Oregon elections that makes voting easier and more accessible for all citizens. It has a proven track record of integrity and efficacy, with no credible evidence presented by its detractors in support of their claims that that mail-in voting leads to an increase in fraud or abuse of the election system. Given the many merits and few downsides of mail-in voting, I seriously question the motivations of those in support of SB 210. There is a coordinated effort in the United States by Republicans to destroy mail-in voting in order to pave the way for more aggressive voter suppression rules that are designed to disenfranchise citizens and decouple control of the government from the will of the people.

Now more than ever, we must protect all laws, rules, and institutions that enfranchise voters and enable participation in our democracy. If we allow SB 210 to become law, I fear we will see Oregon slide into the orbit of those who would see our country become more akin to an authoritarian dictatorship than a thriving democracy. We must hold the line on mail-in voting here in Oregon. May we be an example to other states in the union.