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Measure, Appointment, Topic: SB210

I strongly oppose SB210 which would make in-person voting the standard method of voting in Oregon. Mail-in voting provides everyone the chance to vote at their convenience without the added pressures of work schedules, family responsibilities or transportation issues that can occur when forced to vote in-person. Mail-in voting allows someone like me, who needs time to make decisions, to vote thoughtfully and not feel rushed. Many studies have shown increased participation in elections with mail-in voting.

In-person voting is inefficient and inequitable. Arguments that mail-in voting increases the risk of fraud and delays election results are unfounded as voter fraud is very rare in American elections and delayed election results is a minor inconvenience compared to trying to coordinate time-off of work, potential childcare, and available transportation just to get to the polls in person.

In-person voting will lead to inequitable representation and voter suppression. Vote no on SB210

Respectfully,

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