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I want to come out in opposition to SB 210.

By reducing/eliminating vote by mail, you are actually suppressing many voters from voting and having a voice in state & local politics...which is the intent of this bill, by making it significantly harder for voters to actually vote.

Personally, I have never had the option to vote in person, but I do remember schools having cafeterias & gyms taken over to allow for voting. Can you imagine schools now being made to open to the general public while school is in session? Given the many many safety and security concern of the last 30 years, this a ridiculous & very concerning idea. Having to take off work to go vote in person during a time that is inconvenient to many. Why should I and others be forced to spend time waiting to vote in line, potentially in the rain, since most elections are during rainier months. Vote by mail benefits all voters, but is especially helpful to those with disabilities, anyone who lives in a more rural area where voting locations will be a significant drive away, and anyone who has a job & a life.

Oregon consistently has a high voter turnout, likely as a result of vote by mail which is what voters wanted. We currently can spend time that is convenient to us in the comfort of our own homes reading and deciding on all of the candidates & measures as we vote to make an informed decision.

In conclusion, I oppose SB 210, and encourage the state committee to not move this bill forward.