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I very strongly oppose SB210 and removing the ability to vote by mail in the state of Oregon. This move would make it more difficult for those with mobility or accessibility issues, particularly those living in rural environments. Many individuals would not be able to miss work to vote in person, particularly those in low-wage positions who can't afford to take time off. Moving to in-person voting is not inclusive to all those are eligible to vote in our state regardless of political affiliation. Oregon has one of the highest voter turnouts in the nation because our current system is accessible to all residents.

Oregon has shown for MANY years that vote by mail is safe and effective. It wasn't until people made unsubstantiated claims of election fraud and then started fire bombing mail boxes that it became a hot topic in our state and local government.