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Dear Committee Members:

Please support SB210. Vote by mail was sold to voters as an easy way to vote with instant results. It has been anything but. There have been too many "oops" moments, like non-citizens "accidentally" being registered. Who will do anything about it when they vote? There are no meaningful way to verify who voted. You have a name and a signature. Questions and concerns have been met with "Oh, no! Everyone knows our VBM is perfect". It was sacrilege to ask questions, until a reporter discovered problems with "accidental" registration problems.

If we lose faith in our elections, we have lost our democracy.

In person voting with ID was how elections were conducted for all my life until I arrived in Oregon. We always knew who won by the next day, except 2000 Bush/Gore. It was usually people from the neighborhood who signed you in and sent in your ballot. They gave you an "I voted" sticker and employers were forbidden from causing you trouble for the short absence. And polls were open early and late, so for me, I never lost work time. **YOU MUST CARE ENOUGH TO SHOW UP TO VOTE.** That is the biggest upside. If you bothered to get up and go there, you really did care enough, and probably did enough research to know what you are voting on.

Thanks for reading this.
Tom Hope