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As a lifelong Oregonian and a resident of Clackamas County, where I have proudly participated in vote-by-mail for over 25 years, I strongly urge you to oppose SB 210. Policies that make voting harder are intentionally designed to suppress participation, and SB 210 would be a dangerous step in this direction.

The bill would create unnecessary barriers that would disproportionately impact those who are already marginalized, including the elderly, disabled, and working families. By complicating the process of voting, this bill opens the door to subverting our democratic rights. It benefits the privileged few who can navigate such barriers, while actively discouraging the most vulnerable groups from participating in the electoral process. We know that when voting is made more difficult, it is the most disenfranchised who are most impacted. This is exactly what Republicans and their allies want—they understand that fewer people voting means that only those with the privilege to do so will cast ballots, skewing the results in their favor.

Oregon has long been a model for expanding access to voting, and our vote-by-mail system has made it easier for people from all walks of life to participate. Removing or restricting this option would undo decades of progress and harm the very communities that need representation the most. This is not the Oregon we want to build. We deserve a system that works for everyone, not one that intentionally creates hurdles for those who need it most.

Please, protect the rights of all Oregonians by opposing SB 210. Our democracy depends on it.

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