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On Behalf Of:
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Chair & Committee Members,

I WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT SB 210.

I am writing to express my strong support for the implementation of in-person voting with a requirement for a government-issued ID. As a concerned citizen who values the integrity of our electoral system, I believe that such a measure is crucial for preserving the trust, transparency, and security of our elections.

First and foremost, in-person voting with ID ensures that each vote is cast by a legitimate and eligible voter. In an era where elections are increasingly scrutinized, it is vital to safeguard against potential fraud, ensuring that only those who are qualified to vote participate. Requiring a valid ID provides a clear and efficient way to verify identity and eligibility, making it more difficult for fraudulent activity to occur.

Furthermore, requiring identification upholds the principle of fairness. Citizens who are eligible to vote and have the proper identification should be able to do so without concern that their vote might be diluted or undermined by fraudulent or illegitimate ballots. Ensuring that every voter is authenticated through a recognized ID gives confidence that the election results accurately reflect the will of the people.

Critics of voter ID laws often argue that they may suppress voter turnout. However, multiple studies and data show that voter ID laws have minimal impact on voter participation when proper accommodations and outreach are made. States that have implemented voter ID laws have seen high turnout rates with no significant barriers for eligible voters. Additionally, IDs are widely available and can be obtained through various avenues, especially for individuals who may not have a traditional driver's license.

Requiring identification for in-person voting or requesting a ballot to vote is not about creating unnecessary barriers—it is about ensuring that the system operates with the highest standards of accountability. Safeguarding our democratic process is not only the responsibility of lawmakers but also of each individual citizen. By ensuring that every voter is who they say they are, we create a stronger, more secure election process that is immune to the risk of fraud and abuse.

I urge you to support policies that require in-person voting with a valid ID. Such measures protect the integrity of our elections, ensure fairness, and strengthen public trust in the democratic process. It is an essential step toward a more secure and

transparent electoral system that reflects the values upon which our nation was built.

This bill is long overdue to put to the people to vote on. Please pass this bill!