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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB210

Dear Chair Jama, Vice-Chair Bunyan, and Members of the Senate Rules Committee,

My name is Daisy Quiñonez, and I am writing today in strong opposition to SB 210. As someone who has registered hundreds of voters as a volunteer and voter engagement organizer, I have seen firsthand how accessible voting systems—especially vote by mail—empower Oregonians to participate in our democracy.

Oregon's vote-by-mail system is a national model for secure, inclusive, and efficient elections. This system has increased voter turnout, reduced barriers for working people and rural communities, and ensured that every eligible voter has the opportunity to make their voice heard. By limiting vote-by-mail options and imposing strict identification requirements, SB 210 threatens to dismantle a system that has worked successfully for decades.

For many Oregonians—especially seniors, people with disabilities, rural voters, and those balancing multiple jobs—vote by mail is not just a convenience; it is a necessity. Restricting this option would disproportionately impact these communities, creating unnecessary burdens and reducing participation.

Furthermore, Oregon's vote-by-mail process is secure and transparent. Every ballot is tracked, verified, and counted with rigorous safeguards in place. There is no compelling evidence that restricting vote by mail would enhance election security, but there is overwhelming evidence that it would disenfranchise voters.

I urge you to reject SB 210 and uphold the right of every Oregonian to vote safely and accessibly. Our democracy is strongest when we remove barriers—not build them.

Thank you for your time and consideration.