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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB210
Subject: Oppose SB 210 – Protect Oregon’s Vote-by-Mail System

Dear Chair and Members of the Senate Rules Committee,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to SB 210, which would roll back Oregon’s long-standing vote-by-mail system and make in-person voting on Election Day the standard method for conducting elections in our state.

As a voter, I deeply value Oregon’s vote-by-mail system. It gives me the time I need to read the voter pamphlet, research candidates and ballot measures, and make thoughtful, informed decisions. It ensures I can participate in every election, even during busy workweeks, travel, or unexpected life events. Mail-in voting removes unnecessary barriers and allows me—and so many others—to be engaged, consistent, and informed voters.

Switching to in-person voting would make it significantly harder for me to participate. It would reduce accessibility, especially for people with work, childcare responsibilities, disabilities, or transportation challenges. Oregon’s vote-by-mail system has been a national model for its accessibility, security, and success in increasing voter participation. We should be proud of it—not dismantling it.

Please reject SB 210 and any efforts to limit vote-by-mail in Oregon. Let’s continue to lead the nation in making voting accessible, secure, and inclusive.

Sincerely,
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