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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SJR30

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

I just submitted testimony in opposition to the effort to take away vote by mail with SB 210 and now I'm writing to oppose SJR 30. I feel like I'm playing whack a mole to try to stop our legislature from pursuing what are obviously Project 2025 plans to undermine democracy.

Why would you allow a hearing on a resolution like this? SJR 30 severely erodes the right of the majority of citizens to petition for and pursue a vote on a change in the statutes or state constitution. For no apparent reason SJR 30 significantly increases the percentage of citizens who must sign a petition calling for a vote on a measure to change a law or the state constitution. Worse, SJR 30 requires the petition to have that same percentage in every Congressional district in the state which means one District could stop a measure that is favored by the majority from ever even getting a vote. This is so obviously another way not only to undermine democracy but, as we see outlined in Project 2025, to strip the majority of governing rights and install the will of an extremist minority. Please vote no on SJR 30 and protect our democracy. Better yet, cancel the hearings on this ridiculous resolution as well as SB 210 that have no place in our democracy.

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