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On Behalf Of:

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Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

SB210

My name is Victoria Sparks and I am writing in strong opposition to SB 210.

As a native Oregonian I have voted in every election since I was legally able to do so beginning in 1974. I remember the days of scurrying out of work in time to get to my polling place in the rain and stand in line to be able to vote. I did it then, of course, but the relief of being able to vote at my leisure in the 2 weeks or so before an election, drop my ballot in the mail and wait to hear the results on election day was powerful and still is for every election - even those in off years. I would think the cost savings in the 30 years or so that Oregon has conducted elections by mail would be significant. Perhaps those savings should be calculated and publicized?

Oregon continues to have a high rate of voter turn out. Please do not disturb that proud record by enacting this unnecessary and unpopular proposal.