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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB210

Esteemed Members of the Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for Senate Bill 210, which seeks to make in-person voting the standard method for elections in Oregon and requires voters to present valid government-issued photo identification when voting or requesting a ballot. This legislation is a crucial step toward enhancing the integrity and public confidence in our electoral process.

### Preventing Voter Fraud

Requiring photo identification at polling stations serves as a deterrent against in-person voter impersonation. While instances of such fraud are rare, even isolated cases can undermine public trust in election outcomes. Implementing a photo ID requirement would add a layer of security, ensuring that each vote cast is legitimate and attributed to the correct individual.

### Public Confidence in Elections

Public opinion research indicates strong bipartisan support for voter ID laws. A survey conducted by the Pew Research Center found that 81% of Americans favor requiring government-issued photo identification to vote. This includes 95% of Republicans and 69% of Democrats, reflecting a broad consensus that such measures can bolster confidence in the electoral system.

### Ensuring Accessibility

It is essential to acknowledge concerns about potential disenfranchisement. However, many states with voter ID laws have implemented provisions to address these issues, such as offering free identification cards and providing alternative methods for voters who lack the required ID. By adopting similar measures, Oregon can ensure that all eligible voters have the opportunity to participate in elections without undue burden.

### Conclusion

Implementing Senate Bill 210 would strengthen the security and integrity of our elections, thereby enhancing public confidence in the democratic process. I urge the committee to consider this measure as a step toward safeguarding the fundamental

right to vote for all Oregonians.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Julia Bochsler