

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

Dear Senate Committee On Rules,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to any efforts to eliminate Oregon's mail-in voting system and restrict voting solely to in-person polling stations. As an engaged Oregon resident, I believe such a change would undermine voter access, reduce participation, and disproportionately impact working families, rural communities, and those with limited mobility.

Oregon's mail-in voting system has a long-standing record of security, reliability, and voter engagement. It provides citizens the flexibility to review their ballots carefully, research candidates and measures, and vote on their own schedule. Removing this system would place unnecessary burdens on voters, especially those in rural areas like eastern Oregon, where traveling to a polling station can mean long distances and lost work hours.

Moreover, mail-in voting has proven secure, with rigorous signature verification processes and bipartisan oversight ensuring election integrity. Oregon has led the nation in safe, accessible elections, and our system has become a model that other states strive to follow.

Restricting voting to in-person polling stations risks disenfranchising thousands of Oregonians who rely on the convenience and accessibility of mail-in ballots. We should be expanding voter access, not limiting it.

I strongly urge you to reject any proposal that would dismantle our proven and effective mail-in voting system. Preserving this system is vital to ensuring that all Oregonians, regardless of their circumstances, can participate fully in our democracy.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Kaz Robertson