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On Behalf Of:

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Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

SB210

I am writing to express my strong opposition to SB 210, which seeks to repeal Oregon's vote-by-mail system. This bill threatens to dismantle a proven, effective, and accessible method of voting that has served our state successfully for decades.

Oregon's vote-by-mail system ensures that every eligible voter—regardless of work schedules, family responsibilities, health conditions, or access to transportation—has a fair and equal opportunity to participate in our democracy. It eliminates barriers that in-person, Election Day-only voting would impose, particularly on rural voters, seniors, people with disabilities, and those who cannot take time off work.

Vote-by-mail has been in place in Oregon for over 20 years, and it works. It is secure, cost-effective, and increases voter participation. There is no justification for removing a system that enhances access and efficiency in our elections. SB 210 would unnecessarily suppress voter turnout and make it harder for Oregonians to exercise their fundamental right to vote.

I urge you to oppose SB 210 and stand in support of Oregon's vote-by-mail system, which ensures that all voices can be heard in our elections.

Thank you for your time and service.