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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

SB210

To Senator Jama and members of the Senate Rules Committee -

You should NOT support SB 210. There is no reason to refer such an un-welcome and un-necessary measure to the voters. Please consider:

- 1) Oregon's current vote by mail system is well-liked and has worked well for the past several years.
- 2) There are many reasons that make difficult or impossible for many registered voters to travel physically to a polling place such as disability, illness, work, family commitments, etc. They should not be dis-enfranchised because of circumstances beyond their control.
- 3) Voting by mail is less expensive for counties and the state than maintaining physical polling places.
- 4) Polling places are sometimes in areas that require extensive travel time, such as in Harney or Malheur counties, that voters may not have.
- 5) There is no evidence that mailed-in ballots contribute to fraudulent voting, any more than in person voting.

The vote by mail system that Oregon has works well for all of us - don't try to "fix" it! There is no need to go through the time, expense and divisiveness of a ballot measure. Vote NO on SB 210.

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