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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB210

I'm writing to express my strong opposition to Senate Bill 210, which proposes eliminating Oregon's vote-by-mail system in favor of in-person voting and additional ID requirements.

Oregon's vote-by-mail system has been a national model for voter access, turnout, and election security. It gives working people, caregivers, rural voters, and many others the time and flexibility to fully participate in our democracy. This bill would take us backwards.

Mail-in voting has proven to be secure. It increases voter turnout and strengthens trust in the process by making civic participation more accessible. Moving to in-person voting with additional restrictions will discourage participation—especially among those already facing barriers.

Instead of making it harder to vote, we should be doing everything we can to protect and expand access to the ballot. Democracy works best when more voices are heard—not fewer.

I urge you to reject SB 210 and preserve Oregon's leadership in voter access and election integrity. Thank you for your time and consideration.