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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB210

Dear Members of the Senate Committee on Rules,

I am writing to express my strong support for preserving and protecting Oregon's vote-by-mail system. As a resident of Oregon and an engaged community member, I believe that mail-in voting is essential to maintaining equitable access to the electoral process for all eligible voters.

Oregon has long been a leader in voter accessibility, with our vote-by-mail system increasing participation rates while ensuring secure and accurate elections. This system removes barriers that disproportionately affect individuals with disabilities, rural residents, working families, elderly citizens, and those with limited transportation or childcare options. By guaranteeing access to ballots through the mail, we uphold the fundamental right to vote for all Oregonians, regardless of socioeconomic status or geographic location.

Additionally, vote-by-mail has proven to be a secure and efficient method of conducting elections. Decades of successful implementation in Oregon have demonstrated that this process is not only safe but also increases voter turnout and engagement. Any efforts to restrict or weaken this system would risk disenfranchising thousands of voters and undermining the democratic principles our state upholds.

I urge you to reject any proposals that would limit access to mail-in ballots and instead work to strengthen and expand voting accessibility in Oregon. Protecting vote-by-mail is not just a matter of convenience—it is a matter of equity, security, and preserving the integrity of our democratic process.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I appreciate your commitment to ensuring fair and accessible elections for all Oregonians.

Sincerely,
Anika Miller