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

I am writing to express my strong disagreement with any attempt to remove or curtail Oregon's vote by mail system. Any attempt to do so is a practically naked attempt to disenfranchise rural and working class Oregonians. In person voting requires voters to be able to reach their nearest polling place, which for many rural Oregonians be an unreasonable distance from their homes. In person voting requires being able to be available during the entire period of time that it would take to get to the polling place, to wait in line, exercise their voting rights, and then get back. For many working class Oregonians, this could require taking time away from work that they might not be able to. Atop this, compared to the cost and logistics of running polling places to appropriately service all of Oregon's eligible voters, vote by mail is by any measure simply the most reasonable choice.

I honestly cannot see any way that this bill does a service to any Oregonian, and I severely question the motivations for it being brought to the committee.