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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 reaching out regarding Senate Bill 210 and its potential impact on Oregon's current vote-by-mail system. Oregon has a long history of conducting elections through this method, which has provided accessibility, security, and efficiency in the voting process.

For over two decades, mail-in voting has played a significant role in increasing voter participation while simplifying election logistics. The existing safeguards ensure ballot integrity, and the process has been widely recognized for its reliability. Making changes to a system that has consistently functioned well raises concerns about unnecessary disruptions.

Shifting away from mail-in voting could pose challenges, particularly for those who have come to depend on its convenience—rural voters, elderly citizens, individuals with disabilities, and those balancing demanding work schedules. Any alterations to this method should be carefully considered to avoid unintended consequences that could hinder voter participation.

Rather than reducing voting options, Oregon should explore opportunities to enhance accessibility while maintaining the security and trust that our elections have upheld.

I urge you to reject SB 210 and stand in defense of Oregon's proud tradition of fair, secure, and accessible elections. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Regards,
Theodore Daniels