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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

Senate Committee On Rules

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SB210

To the Members of the Oregon Legislature,

My name is Steven Lacerda, and I am a resident of Redmond, Oregon. I am writing to express my strong support for Senate Bill 210, which would end Oregon's vote-by-mail system and restore in-person voting on Election Day.

While Oregon's vote-by-mail system was intended to increase convenience, it has raised significant concerns about election security, transparency, and voter confidence. In-person voting, conducted on a single day, allows for better oversight, immediate verification of voter identity, and a reduced risk of lost, mishandled, or improperly submitted ballots. Returning to this method would align Oregon with the majority of states that prioritize Election Day as a unifying civic event, fostering trust in our democratic process.

I believe that voting is a fundamental responsibility best exercised in a secure, observable environment. SB 210 offers a practical solution to strengthen our elections by ensuring they are conducted in person, with clear safeguards against potential fraud or errors that can occur in a mail-based system.

I urge you to support SB 210 and restore in-person voting as the standard for Oregon elections. Thank you for considering my testimony and for your service to our state.

Sincerely,

Steven Lacerda

Redmond, Oregon