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On Behalf Of:
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I stand in opposition to SB210, the effort to end vote by mail.

Oregonians have been voting by mail for more than two decades. Vote by mail fraud is as uncommon as vote in person voting. It rarely happens. I know from personal experience, a questionable signature, will be hunted down by the state. If the voter does not prove they voted, the ballot is rejected. My son signed his vote so quickly on his ballot envelope that his signature did not match the signature on file. Because he waited too long to respond the letter inquiring about the irregularity in his signature, he received another letter informing him his ballot was rejected and his votes were not counted.

Voting by mail is a convenience for the citizens of Oregon. My parents, who recently passed away, were proud to exercise their right to vote. However, their physical infirmities would have made it unsafe for them to go to a polling place, stand in line, and wait to vote. As it would the 100's of residents at their assisted living facility. And thousands of other elderly and disabled Oregonians. They could be disenfranchised by mandatory in-person voting, especially with the addition of having to present an ID.

My mother-in-law's driver's license expired on her birthday in March of 2020. As that coincided with the nation wide shut down of DMV offices and the threat that Covid presented to her life, being 85-years-old, she still didn't have a valid ID in November of 2020, nor was her passport in date, but was able to vote in that election via mail. In late 2021, she finally felt safe enough to go into an office and get her Oregon State ID card.

Eliminating vote by mail, is an answer to a problem that does not exist.

I'm asking the senate to vote against SB 210. It is unnecessary and will make it more difficult if not impossible for thousands if not millions of Oregonians to exercise their right to vote.

Thank you,
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