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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB210  
To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the use of mail-in ballots in our elections. While voting is a fundamental right and should be accessible to all eligible citizens, I believe that mail-in voting poses significant risks that could undermine the integrity of our electoral process.

First and foremost, mail-in ballots increase the potential for fraud and errors. Unlike in-person voting, where identification and verification take place in a controlled environment, mail-in ballots can be intercepted, altered, or even submitted fraudulently. Reports of ballots being sent to outdated addresses or to individuals who are deceased highlight the weaknesses in the system.

Secondly, mail-in voting can lead to delays in election results and a lack of public confidence. Counting and verifying mailed ballots often takes days or even weeks, leading to uncertainty and disputes over outcomes. A prolonged counting process can also create opportunities for errors, misplaced ballots, or misinterpretation of voter intent.

Additionally, mail-in ballots remove the fundamental security measures that in-person voting provides. When voters cast their ballots at polling places, election officials can ensure that procedures are followed properly, reducing the risk of coercion or tampering. With mail-in voting, there is no way to verify whether a voter was pressured or influenced when filling out their ballot.

Finally, the widespread use of mail-in ballots increases logistical challenges and costs. Election offices must handle a significant influx of mailed ballots, requiring additional resources for processing, verification, and security. These added complexities create a burden on the election system and taxpayers.

Thank you,  
Emily Garland