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

Dear Members of the Oregon Legislature,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Senate Bill 210, which seeks to make in-person voting on Election Day the standard method for conducting elections in Oregon.

Oregon's vote-by-mail system has been a cornerstone of our state's democratic process for over two decades, consistently demonstrating both security and transparency. The system ensures that active registered voters receive an official ballot to complete and return, either by mail or at any official drop box in the state.

A comprehensive analysis by the Brennan Center for Justice found that incidents of voter fraud are exceptionally rare, with rates between 0.0003% and 0.0025%. This means an American is more likely to be struck by lightning than to commit voting fraud. The security of mail-in voting in Oregon is well-documented as well. Voter fraud is a non-issue and spending money to fix something that isn't broken is a misuse of taxpayer money.

Furthermore, transitioning to in-person voting could inadvertently suppress voter participation. The convenience of voting by mail has contributed to Oregon consistently ranking as a national leader in voter turnout. Requiring in-person voting may pose challenges for individuals with disabilities, those with demanding work schedules, or residents in rural areas, potentially disenfranchising segments of our population.

Maintaining our vote-by-mail system is essential to upholding the accessibility, security, and integrity of Oregon's elections. I urge you to oppose SB 210 and preserve the democratic process that has served our state so effectively.

Thank you for considering my perspective.

Sincerely,  
J Phoenix