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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

SB210

Dear Senate Committee on Rules,

Please oppose SB210 which makes in-person voting on the date of an election the standard method for conducting an election. I am opposed to SB210 because I have worked at a job where I was deemed essential personnel. I could not leave my duty station/shift until a relief person/next shift came on duty. Sometimes I would get stuck on the job for 12-16 hours if no qualified relief person was available if the scheduled person called out sick/injured. Getting to a polling place would have been a challenge. Many people work long shifts then have kids to pick up from school, elderly parents to tend to, or in the case of many people - a second job to go to. Voting in-person means that voter attendance would be affected. Voting returns are already low enough. If you want to encourage people to vote then continue to make it easy for them to take the time to complete their ballots and mail them. Do not return to the Dark Ages of polling places which require polling personnel and lines. It was time consuming, required wasting energy by keeping the lights and heat on at polling sites, and wasted fuel and vehicular trips to and from voting sites. Do NOT waste precious energy and time by making people vote in person. Whatever the excuse is to introduce SB210, it's a sham and a shame when vote-by-mail has been a successful method for Oregonians to voice their choice for decades now. Don't fix it if it ain't broken! Thank you for reading this dedicated voter's opinion. Nancy Rohn  
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