On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB210

I am writing to express my strong opposition to SB 210, which would effectively dismantle Oregon's vote-by-mail system. This system has been in place for over 20 years and has proven to be secure, reliable, and accessible. Eliminating it would be a step backward for voter participation and election integrity in our state.

Oregon's vote-by-mail process is one of the most secure in the country. Ballots are verified through signature matching, and election offices conduct rigorous post-election audits. Despite claims of widespread fraud, no credible evidence has ever substantiated these allegations. The integrity of our elections should be based on facts, not fear.

A move away from mail-in voting is a move toward voter suppression. This bill would create unnecessary barriers to voting, particularly for seniors, individuals with disabilities, rural voters, and those with work or caregiving responsibilities that make in-person voting more difficult. Oregon's high voter turnout is a direct result of our accessible system, and there is no justification for dismantling it.

I urge you to reject SB 210 and uphold the right of every Oregonian to vote conveniently and securely. Thank you for your time and consideration.