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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

Senate Committee On Rules

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SB210

To the Senate Committee on Rules,

I am a longstanding citizen of the State of Oregon. I grew up in an extended family of Republicans, my father was actively engaged in Oregon politics. My husband in recent years has worked at our local election office during election season to support and learn about voting in Oregon. He has been nothing but impressed by the excellence of our ballot by mail system.

I have been proud to live in a state which demonstrates the safety and wide-reaching accessibility of mail-in voting. This allows elderly, disabled, working people, busy mothers of young children and everyone to vote safely and efficiently. It is less costly. Furthermore, the requirement of specific documents is limiting and degrading. Many people do not have passports or have misplaced or lost birth certificates. For married women, the last name of their birth records might not match their voter's registration information.

Why are we changing a system which is not broken? Please do not vote for this bill, it would be a step back for Oregon and a loss for many of Oregon's citizens for direct access to voting, which is their constitutional right.

Thank you for consideration of my voice on this matter,

Ruth J Reimann