

Submitter:

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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

SB210

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed measure that would make in-person voting the standard method for conducting elections and require voters to show a government-issued ID when voting or requesting a ballot.

This measure would impose a significant hardship on me and countless others who, like me, do not have reliable access to transportation. I rely on voting by mail because it allows me to participate in our democratic process without the immense burden of finding a way to get to a polling place. Requiring in-person voting would force me to spend significant time away from work, which could jeopardize my income and my ability to support myself.

Voting is a fundamental right, and I believe that access to the ballot should be as inclusive and convenient as possible. Oregon's current vote-by-mail system has made it possible for people from all walks of life to participate, regardless of their ability to travel or take time off from work. This measure would take that away, effectively silencing the voices of those who face barriers to in-person voting.

Furthermore, the requirement to show a government-issued ID could disenfranchise many voters who, for various reasons, may not have one readily available. Obtaining a valid ID can be both time-consuming and costly, especially for those with limited resources.

I urge you to consider the real impact this measure would have on hardworking individuals like myself who simply want to exercise their right to vote without unnecessary obstacles. Our democracy is stronger when everyone can participate, and this measure would move us in the opposite direction.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Peterson