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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB210
Chair and Members of the Committee,

My name is David Polehn, and I am writing in strong support of State Bill 210, which would require in-person voting and a valid state-issued ID to cast a ballot.

In almost every important area of life, we are required to show identification. Whether it's boarding a plane, buying certain medications, driving a car, enrolling in school, or even picking up a package at the post office—proving who you are is a normal, expected part of responsible participation in society. Voting, arguably one of the most sacred responsibilities of citizenship, should not be the exception.

It's kind of strange that we can walk into a polling place and vote without proving our identity. Elections are the foundation of our democracy, and like any foundation, they must be strong, secure, and trusted. Requiring a valid state-issued ID for in-person voting is a commonsense measure that increases transparency and accountability, helping ensure that each vote cast is legitimate and that every citizen's voice is fairly represented.

This bill is not about limiting access—it's about strengthening trust. When voters know that the system is secure and fair, turnout improves and confidence in our institutions grows. A voter ID requirement reinforces the principle of one person, one vote.

Thank you for considering this testimony, and I urge you to support State Bill 210.