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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

SB210

Dear Committee,

I strongly oppose this bill for many reasons. I have worked for Lane County Elections and have personal, close up experience with the elections process. Our system is highly accurate, efficient and cost effective. We have excellent protocols in place for ensuring no fraud takes place. It is not broken and does not need fixing.

Mail-in ballots allow accessibility for those who need it, freedom from harassment at polling places, equity to exercise one's vote for those who cannot afford to take off from work to vote, or for parents of small children without access to childcare. It saves the state money from having to purchase and maintain costly equipment. Paper ballots leave a paper trail that ensures a fair hand recount if necessary without fear of "machines getting hacked and changing votes". It is absolutely the safest way to vote. It is also good for the environment in that people are not burning gas to get to the polling place.

I am totally confused as to why on earth we would want to change a system that is the envy of the country and has worked flawlessly for 30? years now. When we have budget shortfalls everywhere we look, it would be criminal to create a costly solution to a "problem" that does not exists and would result in disenfranchising marginalized members of our community. Unless maybe that is the point.

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