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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

Senate Committee On Rules

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SB210

Dear Senate Committee,

Our vote by mail system has provided critical access to the constitutional right to vote for millions of rural and urban citizens that could not get to the polls for one reason or another. We have rural and elderly voters who have barriers to mobility who count on this method. Many, many workers are not allowed take off work to spend time in long lines to vote. Some people have unreliable transportation. Single parents and parents of young children may not be able to take their kids out to a polling place due to long lines, bad weather, logistics, not having enough gas in the tank to get there. All residents of states that have disallowed mail in voting have their fair elections compromised as their citizens like those listed above do not have fair access. Until voting day is made a national holiday with travel vouchers to get to the polls, taking away mail in voting would discriminate against a huge portion of the population across the state, impair free and fair elections and is simply not an option.

Thank you for your consideration of my testimony.

Sincerely,

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