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On Behalf Of: Freedom and Responsibility PAC
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB210

Dear Chair Jama and Members of the Committee,

I offer this testimony in support of Senate Bill 210. Recently, at an Oxford University Debate, former House Speaker Nancy Pelosi contended that there were election irregularities in the 2016 presidential election where Donald J. Trump was elected to the presidency. Others have cast doubt on the 2020 presidential election where Joe Biden was elected to the presidency. While the focus in both 2016 and 2020 were on presidential elections, doubt was subsequently cast over numerous at other levels of government.

Even if one were to grant that there were no shenanigans in either the 2016 or 2020 elections, far too many people sincerely doubt their integrity and accuracy. In a constitutional republic with democratic features like ours, the perception of election integrity is just as important as their actual integrity

While the outcome of elections are occasionally cast into doubt regardless of the method of voting used (particularly if they are close) new methods of voting including vote-by-mail and various forms of electronic voting that have been proposed have magnified the issue. While newer methods of voting have their merits, the Gold Standard for election integrity remains those elections where individual and eligible voters cast their ballots on paper in the privacy of an official voting booth. While not every voter can cast their ballot in this way, this traditional method of voting should once again be the primary method of voting in the State of Oregon and everywhere else. For this reason, I urge you to vote in favor of SB210. Thank you.

Respectfully,

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