

Submitter: Kathy Beck

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB210

My name is Kathy Beck and I strongly oppose SB 210

Voting is one of the most fundamental rights we have as citizens of this state and of this country. It's what makes us a democracy: one person, one vote.

Oregon's vote-by-mail system allows all Oregon voters the opportunity to vote in a convenient fashion, making voting accessible to all eligible voters.

I moved to Oregon 25 years ago and have submitted my vote via mail-in voting every time I have had the opportunity to do so. I sit at my kitchen table, peruse the contents of the ballot, conduct my research, and then vote--all from the comfort of my home.

This system has served Oregon well since 1998, when the voters chose to use VBM exclusively. Voter fraud is nearly non-existent. If the goal is to enfranchise Oregon's citizens, then the only appropriate vote is an opposition vote. The only reason to vote YES on this bill is in order to suppress the vote of the citizens that the republican party does not want to vote.

The democratic choice is to vote NO on SB 210