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On Behalf Of:
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I am writing to express my strong opposition to Senate Bill 210 as a resident of Oregon living with multiple sclerosis (MS). This bill presents significant challenges for individuals with disabilities, particularly those of us who face daily mobility and accessibility barriers.

Requiring in-person action for certain processes, as proposed in SB 210, would disproportionately impact people like me. MS is an unpredictable and often debilitating condition that affects mobility, energy levels, and overall health. Many of us experience symptoms such as fatigue, muscle weakness, and impaired coordination, making travel and standing in long lines extremely difficult, if not impossible.

Oregon has long been a leader in accessibility and inclusion, ensuring that individuals with disabilities have equal access to civic participation and essential services. SB 210 would be a step backward, creating unnecessary burdens for people with chronic illnesses and disabilities. Accommodations such as remote or alternative methods for participation are not just conveniences; they are essential to maintaining our rights and independence.

I urge you to vote against SB 210 and instead support policies that uphold accessibility, fairness, and equal participation for all Oregonians, including those with disabilities. Please consider the voices of those directly impacted by this legislation.

Thank you for your time and attention to this critical matter. I appreciate your commitment to serving all Oregonians.