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Senate Committee On Rules

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SB210

I am writing to oppose SB 210. Senate Bill 210 seeks to make in-person voting on Election Day the standard method for conducting elections in Oregon. It would also limit vote-by-mail options, imposing stringent identification requirements. This move would undermine the accessibility and inclusivity that have been the hallmarks of Oregon's electoral system for decades. Oregon has been a leader in implementing a universal vote-by-mail system, which has significantly increased voter participation and streamlined the electoral process.

I have been an Oregon resident for over 4 years. My experience in another state with strict restrictions on when, where and how citizens can exercise their right to vote stands in sharp contrast to my experience in Oregon. Getting my ballot in the mail in advance gives me time to study and research issues and candidates, and be a truly informed voter. Now, as a senior, I also very much appreciate my ability to mail or drop off my ballot without worrying about standing in line to vote.

If anything, I am a more informed and engaged voter under Oregon's current laws and regulations, and strongly oppose SB 210.

Thank you.