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Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

SB210

I urge the Oregon legislature to oppose SB210!

Voting by mail is convenient and helpful. With the vote by mail system I feel like I am empowered to really engage with the voting process in a thoughtful way. I get to think carefully about all of the ballot measures and do research on the candidates who will represent me, and I can fill out my ballot during this process a little at a time instead of having to do everything all at once. I think the vote by mail system makes me a more informed and engaged citizen.

Vote by mail is secure and increases participation in our elections, leading to more democratic and representative outcomes. There have been a few elections where even with the additional ease provided by vote by mail, I barely got my ballot to the drop box in time. The flexibility of vote by mail makes voting easier for everyone, and it is essential to ensuring that all Oregonians are represented regardless of income or physical ability. The proposed requirements around voter ID are also not necessary; this is framed as a way to curb voting fraud, but there are not enough cases of voting fraud to make this a valid course of action. Instead the impact of the in person voting requirements and the ID requirements will be to disenfranchise Oregonians and prevent their voices from being heard.

Again I urge you to preserve Oregon's proud and democratic tradition of voting by mail. Oppose SB210!