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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

SB210

I am writing to express my strong opposition to SB 210, which would dismantle Oregon's successful vote-by-mail system, mandate voter ID requirements, and restrict voting to a single Election Day.

Oregon's vote-by-mail system has been a model for the nation, consistently delivering high voter turnout and ensuring accessibility for all eligible voters. This system has proven to be secure, efficient, and convenient, allowing Oregonians to participate in our democracy without unnecessary barriers.

SB 210 would create significant obstacles for many Oregonians, particularly those in rural areas, individuals with disabilities, seniors, and working families.

#### Ending Vote-by-Mail:

- \* This would disproportionately affect those who cannot easily reach polling places, including those with mobility issues, those lacking transportation, and those with inflexible work schedules.

- \* It would increase the potential for long lines and voter suppression, particularly in densely populated areas.

- \* It would reverse a system that has proven to be very secure, and efficient.

#### Voter ID Requirements:

- \* These requirements create unnecessary barriers for eligible voters, particularly those from marginalized communities who may lack access to required identification.

- \* There is no evidence of widespread voter fraud in Oregon that would justify such restrictive measures.

- \* This creates a potential for voter suppression.

#### Restricting Voting to Election Day:

- \* Limiting voting to a single day places undue burdens on working families and those with limited time.

- \* It increases the potential for long wait times at polling places, potentially discouraging voter participation.

Oregon's current system promotes voter participation and ensures that every eligible Oregonian has the opportunity to exercise their fundamental right to vote. SB 210 would undermine these principles, creating unnecessary barriers and disenfranchising eligible voters.

I urge the committee to reject SB 210 and uphold Oregon's commitment to accessible and secure elections.