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On Behalf Of: Myself  
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB210

I am in Opposition to any changes or corruption to Oregon's high integrity Vote by Mail system.

My votes have been cast by Vote by Mail/ Dropbox since 1998. This is efficient, convenient, and an important opportunity for every person participating in the most important right we have. To me, voting is as important as free speech in our democracy.

These two things are my personal representation, my voice, my contemplation, and decision about what I feel is best for me, my family, my community - and for those who depend on and believe in fair and equal governance for all.

I have worked in several elections as "Extra Help" and have seen and experienced closely the high standards of Oregon's voting process.  
It is clear, without partisanship, open, accurate, meticulous, and honest.

My work on the Election Board was filmed and broadcast during the election period in 2016. It brought the public a glimpse of the process and seriousness of what we are entrusted do.

I am proud to have been included.

Now, our effective, honorable democratic treasure - the right to vote - is in threat of being challenged, diminished, corrupted.  
We cannot allow this.

I urge that you consider this matter with care and keep your highest integrity. We can lose our freedom as individuals, people, community, and nation if the decision you make is the wrong one. You, as our representatives, hold our collective future in your hands. Do the right thing. Keep our wonderful Election system. It is tested and true.

With respect and deep concern,  
paula