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Public Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 210 Submitted by Dominiqk Daniel Peterson, Concerned Citizen of Oregon March 30, 2025

Honorable Members of the Oregon Legislature,

Thank you for allowing me to testify in support of Senate Bill 210, which proposes single-day, in-person voting with photo ID, subject to a public vote. This bill enhances election integrity, transparency, and trust. I urge you to advance it and let Oregonians decide.

Oregon's vote-by-mail system, adopted in 1998, faces challenges. SB 210 aligns with 35 states requiring voter ID, 23 mandating photo ID as of 2024. In-person voting with photo ID ensures real-time identity verification, reducing fraud risks. A 2014 study by Justin Levitt found 31 credible voter impersonation cases in over 1 billion votes from 2000-2014. Though rare, fraud undermines confidence. SB 210 adds accountability mail-in voting lacks.

Single-day voting minimizes errors over extended mail periods. In 2020, Oregon rejected 62,000 ballots for late arrival or signature issues, per the Secretary of State. In-person voting resolves such problems instantly, ensuring more votes count. Public support is strong: a 2021 Gallup poll showed 80% of Americans favor photo ID laws. Oregon can ensure access with free IDs, as states like Indiana do.

Submitting this to a public vote honors Oregon's democratic tradition. With 69.5% turnout in 2020 (vs. 66.8% nationally, U.S. Census), Oregonians deserve a say in our election process. SB 210 balances security and participation.

In conclusion, SB 210 strengthens elections through in-person voting with photo ID. It addresses security, reduces errors, and reflects public will. Please support it and let voters decide.

Sincerely, Dominiqk Daniel Peterson of Gresham, Oregon