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On Behalf Of:  
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB210

I am writing in opposition of SB210, the proposed repeal of "vote by mail" in Oregon. Since moving to Oregon in 2019, I have found the "vote by mail" system to be one of the many benefits of living in the state. The amount of information I receive in advance of each election is extremely educational, and the ability to easily participate in every election allows me to consistently participate in democracy at the local, state, and federal level.

The system has been well implemented across the state, has extremely low levels of fraud, and helps citizens in rural areas participate in the democratic process. Oregon is a vast state with a large rural population, especially on the eastern side of the state. Having lived most of my adult life in rural parts of southern states with in-person voting, I find "vote by mail" to be an easier way for rural voters to consistently have their voice heard in elections.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I recommend my representatives vote against SB210 in 2025.

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