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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB210

To the Members of the Committee,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to SB 210, the proposed bill seeking to eliminate mail-in voting. This legislation is not only an attack on accessible democracy, but it also blatantly reflects the privileged perspectives of those who introduced it—individuals who have seemingly never had to choose between earning a paycheck and casting a ballot, between caregiving and civic participation, or between their health and their right to vote.

Mail-in voting is not a luxury; it is a necessity for millions of Americans. It ensures that those who work long hours, those with disabilities, rural voters, elderly citizens, and individuals with limited access to transportation can still exercise their fundamental right to vote. Eliminating this option disproportionately affects low-income voters and communities of color—who have historically faced systemic barriers to voting. It is not lost on anyone that the groups most impacted by this bill are the same groups that certain lawmakers have worked to silence for generations.

The arguments against mail-in voting are based on myths and fearmongering rather than facts. Multiple studies and bipartisan election officials have confirmed that mail-in voting is both secure and reliable. States with long-standing vote-by-mail systems, such as Oregon, Colorado, and Utah, have among the most secure and efficient elections in the country. The real motivation behind this bill is not election integrity, but voter suppression—an all-too-familiar tactic used to manipulate electoral outcomes.

The ability to vote should not be reserved for those with flexible work schedules, reliable transportation, or the financial means to take time off. True democracy is one that includes all voices, not just those of the privileged few who can afford to stand in line for hours on Election Day.

I urge you to reject SB 210 and any similar attempts to restrict voting access. Instead of dismantling accessible voting methods, we should be expanding them—because a democracy that works for only some is not a democracy at all.

Sincerely,
Morgan Hollett