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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB210

SB 210 would disenfranchise many voters in Oregon. The key to successful representation is to make voting safe and accessible.

I urge you to oppose Senate Bill 210 and support retaining the choice to vote by mail. Vote by mail is essential in making voting accessible to people who live far from their polling places, those who are home-bound, and those who work or have care-giving responsibilities that would interfere with their ability to participate in voting in person. Vote by mail is especially important in neighborhoods that are not safe, have no public transit or experience extreme weather conditions or toxic air-quality due to industrial emissions or natural disaster,

Oregon allowed vote-by-mail before it adopted vote-by-mail as its statewide standard for voting in Federal, state and local elections. Oregon has been extremely successful in managing its vote-by-mail system. We were a Vote-by-mail pioneer nationally and a model for ballot integrity, providing a paper ballot back-up for voters' peace of mind and to ensure individual vote verification since vote-by-mail was adopted.

I urge you to protect and maintain vote-by-mail as an essential service to voters in Oregon.