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On Behalf Of:

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Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

SB210

I am writing to express my opposition to this bill, SB210, and to urge our senators to please vote against it. Mail-in voting has always been a secure, safe, and convenient way to vote for Oregonians, something we have been proud of for decades.

Eliminating this option for voting would only hurt your constituents, the people of our great state. It restricts access, making it harder and less convenient for people to vote. There is also the risk of voter intimidation in certain areas. I am very concerned about the dangerous precedent this sets, not to mention disenfranchising thousands of Oregonians. I think of certain populations such as the elderly, disabled, and working folks in general-- all of whom might have a harder time getting to the polls or waiting in lines: especially those who have limited mobility, no transportation, cannot stand in line, those who might not have childcare, those who cannot take time off of work, etc. During November elections the potential for bad weather could also present additional barriers. We've seen this play out in other states, please don't allow it in ours. Please, if it ain't broke don't fix it. SB210 will only hurt, not help, the democratic process of state and our nation. Thank you for your consideration in voting against this bill.