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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB210

Honorable Members of the Senate Rules Committee,

I ask you to vote yes on SB210. When we vote in person, just like voting at our 'kitchen' tables, we are doing our civic duty. However, when we vote in person, we are taking time out of our daily routines and really showing our votes matter. We are also setting an example for our children.

When we vote in person, we have to prove we are who we say we are.

When we vote in person, we know our ballot was properly deposited.

When we vote in person, we are given a receipt of our ballot number.

Even though many legislators, including those who are reading this testimony want to believe and want the electorate to believe our elections in Oregon are 100% safe, secure, above board and in no way would a non-citizen be allowed to vote, is false.

The fact is, many voters have lost faith and trust in Oregon's elections.

They do not trust vote by mail system.

They are disenfranchised.

Even though vote by mail is convenient, thousands have simply stopped voting because they do not feel their vote matters.

And many do not feel voting is important.

Yet Voting IS the most important civic duty every Oregonian has.

You can show you care about the voters, by returning to in-person voting and requiring valid id.

For those who still want to vote by mail, SB210 has provisions for absentee voting.

I urge you to let the voters decide if they want to vote in person, with voter id.

The Oregon Legislature put Vote by Mail on the ballot once before and it passed.

Let the voters decide if they want to keep Vote By Mail. If you are sure they do, you have nothing to lose.

Vote yes on SB210