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On Behalf Of:

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Senate Committee On Rules

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SB210

I am writing to express my strong opposition to any attempt at removing mail-in voting in Oregon. Our state has long supported accessible, secure elections, and mail-in voting allows every citizen to participate. Mail-in voting works, is secure, and encourages voter turnout. There is no evidence of widespread fraud.

This bill is not about election integrity. It is a blatant attempt at suppressing votes and harming our democracy. It would heavily depress voter turnout, especially in rural communities in eastern Oregon who often live dozens of miles from the closest library or other place polling would take place. I strongly believe the right to vote applies to everyone, even those I disagree with, and any attempt to restrict, limit, hinder or otherwise discourage ANYONE from voting is not only unconstitutional, but also un-American.

Oregon voters have already made it clear: we support mail-in voting. It is unacceptable for you to undermine the will of the people to appease political figures like Trump and Musk. You were elected to represent us, not them. Your duty is not only to Oregon but also the Constitution of the United States, not a single political regime, and especially not one that seeks to dismantle democracy.

Should you pass this bill, you will be known as traitors to the Oregon citizens you swore to serve, and I will do everything in my power to ensure that you are primaried and removed from office. But if you stand against this unconstitutional attack on our rights, you will go down in history as leaders with integrity who defended democracy, and I will support you coming back into office the next election.

I strongly oppose SB210 and hope you keep Oregon's mail-in voting system intact. Make us proud, and vote NO on this bill