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On Behalf Of:
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB210

Dear Representatives,

Those opposing this measure will probably use the signature verification as one of the reasons why Oregon elections are secure. I would like to submit my testimony countering that argument.

Five years ago I got married. While getting my name changed wasn't too difficult, trying to retrain my very much engrained muscle memory to sign my new name has been challenging.

Why does this matter? Almost every election I have been a part of since getting married and changing my name I have received a letter informing me that my signature doesn't match the one on the ballot. You would think this would indicate the system is working, however, despite the slight change in my signature my ballot was still counted.

If the signature verification on our ballots is one of the main protections from voter fraud, why were my ballots counted when my signatures didn't quite match? This does not instill confidence that our state's elections are as secure and free of fraud as I would like. This would not be an issue with in person voting.

Thank you,

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