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Senate Committee on Rules

Oregon State Legislature

900 Court St NE

Salem, OR 97301

RE: Opposition to SB 210

Chairperson and Members of the Committee,

My name is Katrina Newberry, and I am writing to express my strong opposition to SB 210. I am a proud Union HVACR Mechanic with UA Local 290, a working mother, and the primary provider of income and health care for my family. I live in Sandy, Oregon, and I am deeply concerned about how this bill would limit access to the ballot for working families like mine.

Every day I work is essential. Time off means lost wages and critical time away from caring for my family. Oregon's vote-by-mail system has allowed me to make my voice heard without sacrificing a day that could be used to take care of a sick child or respond to a family emergency. Voting by mail gives me the flexibility to engage with the democratic process on my own time -- after work, after dinner, after bedtime routines.

SB 210 threatens to take that away. It would make it harder for everyday working people to vote -- people who can't afford to stand in line or take time off during limited polling hours. Our current system is secure, trusted, and effective. It empowers Oregonians, no matter their job, income level, or caregiving responsibilities, to participate in shaping the future of our state.

I urge you to reject SB 210. Oregon should continue to be a leader in accessible, fair, and inclusive

elections.

Sincerely,

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