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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB210

To the Members of the Senate Committee on Rules:

I write as a US citizen, Oregon resident, and regular voter to strongly oppose SB 210. I see participating in our democracy by voting as my civic responsibility. It is a responsibility and privilege that should be equally afforded to all those who are legally registered, without further impediments.

Clearly, the suggestion of reinstating an outdated election method (in-person, on Election Day, with the required showing of specified ID) is an attempt to disenfranchise voters including the elderly and ill, people with disabilities, and working families with conflicting schedules.

Oregon's current mail-in system (fully in place since 2000) has provided voters with equal access to the polling process, resulting in consistently high levels of voter turnout, all without evidence of systemic fraud. There is NO demonstrated need for change to this system.

Those who wish to preserve true democracy will find it a waste of public resources to hold an election to revisit this system. Thus, I implore you to strike down this Bill before it wastes taxpayer resources and legislators' time.

Thank you.