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Senate Committee On Rules

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SB210

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Senate Bill 210, which seeks to repeal Oregon's vote-by-mail system in favor of predominantly in-person voting on Election Day. This bill would also impose stringent voter identification requirements, undermining the accessibility and inclusivity that have been the hallmarks of Oregon's electoral process for decades. ?

Oregon has been a pioneer in implementing a universal vote-by-mail system, significantly increasing voter participation and streamlining the electoral process. The proposed shift to in-person voting and additional ID requirements would create unnecessary barriers, particularly for elderly, disabled, and rural voters who may find it challenging to reach polling stations or obtain specific forms of identification. ?

Furthermore, these changes could lead to decreased voter turnout and disenfranchise segments of our population, contradicting the democratic principles that our state upholds. The League of Women Voters of Portland has also voiced opposition to SB 210, emphasizing the importance of maintaining our current vote-by-mail system to ensure broad electoral participation. ? ?

I urge you to consider the detrimental impact that SB 210 would have on voter accessibility and participation in Oregon. Please oppose this bill to preserve the integrity and inclusivity of our state's electoral system.