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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB210

I am writing to oppose SB 210, which would make in person voting on Election Day the dominant form of voting in Oregon.

Postal voting has been successful in Oregon, and it is popular. Incidences of fraud are extremely rare, and methods are in place to make sure the voting rolls are clean. The way Oregon conducts its elections is one of the most democratic in the country as it allows better access to all eligible voters, and removes impediments to voter turnout such as weather, mobility, access to transportation, and uncooperative workplaces.

If anything, the Oregon model should be way of the whole nation. Opposition to it is nothing more than an attempt to suppress the vote, and is in tune with authoritarian and anti-democratic forces that are rampant in this country today.

I am not being over dramatic when I urge you to preserve democracy, and to oppose tyranny. Vote no on SB 210.