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On Behalf Of:  
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As a resident of Oregon for nearly 30 years, I am writing to express my strong opposition to SB210. This bill proposes to dismantle Oregon's trusted vote-by-mail system in favor of a primarily in-person Election Day voting model, coupled with stricter voter ID requirements.

Oregon's vote-by-mail system is not only convenient and accessible—it is also one of the most secure in the nation. Our state has robust safeguards in place, including signature verification on every ballot envelope, ballot tracking tools for transparency, and strict ballot handling procedures that protect against tampering or fraud. Our tabulation machines are not connected to the internet, adding another layer of security.

SB210 claims to enhance election security, but it fails to address any actual weaknesses in Oregon's current system—because there is no evidence of systemic problems to begin with. Instead, the bill seems to import national political talking points into a state that has led the way in secure, high-participation elections for decades.

Senator David Brock Smith has not provided Oregon-specific data or examples that justify the drastic changes proposed in this bill. Without such evidence, SB210 appears to be a solution in search of a problem—one that would make voting less accessible, especially for rural residents, seniors, people with disabilities, and working families.

Rather than erode public trust in a system that works, we should be proud of Oregon's leadership and continue to strengthen voter access and participation. I urge lawmakers to reject SB210 and preserve the integrity and inclusivity of our democratic process.

Sincerely,  
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