

March 31, 2025

Oregon State Senate  
Senate Committee on Rules  
900 Court St  
Salem, Oregon 97301

Re: Opposition to SB210 Legislation to Overturn Oregon's Vote By Mail System

To the Members of the Committee:

I am writing to strongly oppose any legislation to overturn Oregon's Vote By Mail System, a system approved of by overwhelming numbers in 1998. Voters approved it by the margin of 757,204 to 334,021.

The facts are plain: the system works. It is governed by dedicated county clerks, Democrat and Republican alike. Those clerks are aided by everyday Oregonians, also from both parties, serving as election observers. Invalid ballots are effectively captured and rejected. There is no evidence of fraud or election tampering throughout the history of mail-in voting in our state.

Removing Oregon's Vote By Mail system disenfranchises voters. It particularly disenfranchises Oregonians in rural areas, seniors, and those who work and can't afford to take time off to vote.

Removal of Oregon's Vote By Mail system also removes voter protection from voter intimidation and harassment at polls, something that has been seen in other states around the country in the past two presidential elections.

Given Oregon's also historic petition initiative system, a topic this important should not be decided without the voters. Opponents to our state Vote By Mail system can use the petition initiative system to ask voters to remove it.

Protect our state's right to self govern. Protect our credible, safe, and bipartisan protected system of elections. Reject SB 210 and protect our democracy.

Sincerely,

Kelly Cannon-Miller  
Deschutes County Resident