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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB210

Just learned OR Republican state senator is proposing a bill to repeal Vote by Mail. It's

Senate Bill 210: scheduled for a hearing at 1 pm today.

Here's the KOIN article with more info and a link for to oppose it.

<https://www.koin.com/news/politics/new-bill-proposes-repealing-vote-by-mail-in-oregon-public-invited-to-testify/>

To Members of the Oregon State Senate Committee on Rules:

I am firmly opposed to SB210. Vote by mail was approved by Oregon voters decades ago, and without it, many of our rural, elderly, and disabled voters would find it difficult to participate in democracy. Why do you want to create a hardship for folks who already have challenges? As a constituent in Hood River County, I have used vote by mail in multiple elections. I appreciate the convenience and ease of the this process, and it works! In the 2020 election, 69% of voters nationwide cast their ballot nontraditionally — by mail and/or before Election Day. (Source: <https://www.census.gov/library/stories/2021/04/what-methods-did-people-use-to-vote-in-2020-election.html>)

I urge everyone on this committee, and in the legislative body, to reject this bill and tell Senator Brock to stop trying to take away our voting rights.

Sincerely, Edith Polson