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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB210
TO: Senate Committee on Rules
SUBJECT: Oppose SB 210

Members of the Committee,

My Name is Laura Keys. I live in a rural area in Lane County. I am submitting this testimony to clearly express my strong opposition to Senate Bill 210, which seeks to make in-person voting on Election Day the standard method for conducting elections in Oregon, to limit vote-by-mail options and to impose stringent identification requirements.

This proposal undermines the smooth functioning of Oregon's voting and electoral processes. A system which allows voters to receive and return their ballots by mail, providing ample time to consider their choices and participate in elections without the constraints of a single Election Day. It allows voting without creating situations where registered voters have to take time off work or find ways for after-hours childcare and elder-care. As well as transportation.

Voting by mail is safe and secure. I have seen the precision by which the voting processes, ballot and signature validation, sorting, counting and monitoring works. Oregon has voted by mail for years, and that infrastructure is how our election officials manage and support the fair and honest election process.

Mandating in-person only voting marginalizes many REGISTERED VOTERS who rely and trust the processes we have in place. This bill implies an issue that is based on scare tactics and does not exist. SB 210 represents a significant step backward for voting accessibility in Oregon.

Oregon and other states in our country need to stay modern and move into the future by creating and supporting more options for voting to allow ALL THE PEOPLE to have their voices heard (not by making it harder to vote)

I urge you to oppose SB 210 and to continue supporting policies that make voting as accessible and equitable as possible for all Oregonians.

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