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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB210
Members of the Committee,

I stand in strong opposition to Senate Bill 210.

This bill, which seeks to mandate in-person voting as the standard, would create significant barriers to voter participation. Oregon's vote-by-mail system has been highly successful, consistently leading to strong voter turnout. Restricting or eliminating this system would disproportionately impact:

Seniors and individuals with disabilities: In-person voting can pose serious physical challenges.

Rural residents: Many must travel long distances to reach polling places.

Working families: Taking time off work to vote is not always feasible.

Those without reliable transportation: Reaching a polling location can be a major obstacle.

Additionally, vote-by-mail has been proven secure and efficient. Claims of widespread voter fraud are unfounded. SB 210 would impose unnecessary costs and logistical challenges on election administrators while simultaneously suppressing voter participation.

Oregon has long been a leader in election accessibility. This bill is a step backward—one that disenfranchises voters and undermines our democratic process. I urge you to vote no on Senate Bill 210.