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On Behalf Of:
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB210
To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to voice my strong disapproval of repealing vote-by-mail in the State of Oregon.

Voting by mail ensures that people of all walks of life can have their voices heard. Repealing vote-by-mail will not make an election more secure or cheaper, but it will make it more difficult for many to vote. For people who live in remote areas, lack reliable transportation, or struggle to take time off of work, voting by mail may be the only means by which they can cast their ballots. Additionally, voting by mail allows more time for voters to consider their choices, while taking up less time of their day traveling to polling places and waiting in lines. Voting by mail also saves on labor costs and increases voter turnout. Given that voting by mail is just as secure as voting in person, I would like to ask Senator Smith what he thinks the benefit of this bill is. I don't think his intentions could be clearer – repealing vote-by-mail in Oregon is a step backwards, making it more difficult for everyone to vote, and disenfranchising those who find themselves lower on the socioeconomic ladder.

Shame on you, Senator Smith.

Strongly, and not kindly,
William Staiger