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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB210
To the Oregon State Legislature,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to any proposed legislation that would make in-person voting on Election Day the standard method for conducting elections in Oregon.

Oregon has been a national leader in vote-by-mail elections for decades, demonstrating that this system is secure, accessible, and effective. Our vote-by-mail process has encouraged broad participation across all demographics, especially among voters who may face challenges voting in person—such as seniors, people with disabilities, rural residents, and those with demanding work or caregiving schedules.

Restricting or de-emphasizing mail-in voting would be a step backward. There is no evidence of widespread fraud or abuse in Oregon's mail-in elections, and any move to limit this trusted method undermines both access to the ballot and public confidence in our democratic process. Efforts to force in-person voting can only be seen as an attempt to suppress participation by making voting more difficult and less convenient for many Oregonians.

I urge you to reject this bill and stand up for Oregon's proud tradition of accessible, secure, and inclusive elections. Protecting and expanding voter access should be the goal—not limiting it.

Thank you for your time and service.

Sincerely,
Janell Rote