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On Behalf Of:

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Senate Committee On Rules

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SB210

I am opposed to this measure for the following reasons:

First, there is no evidence or compelling reason that voting by mail is causing any problems significant enough to make drastic changes to the system.

Second, only allowing voting in person the day of the election creates many difficulties and barriers to vote. It would require planning, set up and staffing of physical voting locations. The number of locations possible would create a bottleneck in access to voting. There would also be logistical problems with traffic and parking at the locations. Additionally, there would be financial impacts of so many people being forced to miss work while they commute to a voting location and wait in long lines, likely taking several hours to complete the process.

Third, it is a constitutional right and a foundation of our government for every citizen to vote. Creating unnecessary barriers to voting is therefore unconstitutional.