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Testimony Opposing SB 210 – In Support of Oregon's Vote-by-Mail System

I respectfully submit this testimony in strong opposition to SB 210, which would eliminate Oregon's highly effective vote-by-mail system in favor of requiring in-person voting on election day.

Oregon has been a national leader in secure, accessible, and reliable elections for over two decades. Since implementing vote-by-mail statewide in 2000, Oregon has consistently demonstrated that mail-in voting increases participation across party lines, reduces barriers to voting, and maintains election integrity.

There is no evidence of widespread fraud in Oregon's vote-by-mail system. Numerous audits, bipartisan oversight, and signature verification procedures have ensured that our elections remain both fair and secure. In fact, the Heritage Foundation's own election fraud database shows only a handful of cases in Oregon over many years—out of millions of ballots cast.

Mandating in-person voting would create unnecessary obstacles for rural voters, seniors, people with disabilities, working parents, and others who rely on the flexibility that vote-by-mail offers. Forcing everyone to vote in person would be a step backward, not forward, and would disenfranchise thousands of Oregonians without justification.

I urge the committee to reject SB 210 and continue to support the proven success of Oregon's vote-by-mail system.

Thank you for your time and service.