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

Dear [Legislator's Name],

I am writing to express my strong opposition to SB 210, which would dismantle Oregon's successful vote-by-mail system without providing adequate resources, staffing, or accessibility measures for in-person voting. This bill is not a plan for better elections—it's a plan for fewer voters.

Forcing Oregonians to vote in person without guaranteeing expanded polling locations, sufficient staffing, extended hours, or accommodations for working families, seniors, and people with disabilities is poor planning at best and voter suppression at worst. Many Oregonians cannot easily take time off work, arrange childcare, or travel to distant polling places—especially in rural communities. SB 210 would disproportionately harm low-income workers, disabled voters, and those without reliable transportation, all while ignoring the proven security and accessibility of our current system.

Oregon's vote-by-mail system has worked for decades, ensuring high participation, reducing barriers, and maintaining election integrity. If the goal is to improve elections, the legislature should focus on strengthening existing systems—not eliminating the most accessible voting method for thousands of Oregonians without a real plan to replace it.

I urge you to reject SB 210 and instead prioritize policies that expand voter access, not restrict it. Oregonians deserve solutions that make voting easier, not harder.

Sincerely,
Mitchell Drinkwater
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