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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB210

I am strongly opposed to SB 210 and any changes to Oregon's well-established mail-in voting system. Since 1998, Oregonians have led the nation in safe, universally available mail-in voting. Our system has been thoroughly scrutinized over the years and has been proven to be virtually error-free.

The "Oregon way" of voting provides every voter with the opportunity to carefully consider their choices, read through the voter's pamphlet, and submit a well-thought-out ballot. There is no pressure from long lines, no rush to make decisions, and no barriers to participation. It is a simple, fair, and accessible method that ensures ALL Oregonians can make their voices heard.

Mail-in voting eliminates many of the burdens associated with in-person voting, such as taking time off work, securing childcare, or worrying about illness on Election Day. It guarantees equal access for all voters, reinforcing the fundamental principles of our democracy. Isn't that what our country was founded on?

Additionally, SB 210 raises serious logistical and financial concerns. Where will polling places be located? How will they be staffed? Most importantly, who will bear the cost of implementing these changes across our state? Oregon's vote-by-mail system is efficient, cost-effective, and secure.

I urge you to oppose SB 210 and any efforts to dismantle our trusted mail-in voting system. Instead of creating unnecessary obstacles, we should be proud of a system that makes voting accessible, secure, and equitable for all Oregonians.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Cary Lieberman
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