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On Behalf Of:
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB210
Testimony in Opposition to SB210

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my opposition to Senate Bill 210.

I strongly support maintaining Oregon's vote-by-mail system as the primary method for casting ballots. Returning to in-person-only voting introduces more opportunities for fraud or voter intimidation. Vote-by-mail allows people to complete their ballots privately, on their own time, without outside pressure. It also improves accessibility for working families, the elderly, and people with disabilities—groups who often face challenges getting to polling places on a single day.

I agree that voters should provide proof of identity and citizenship when they register or update their voter information. Oregon now uses RealID, which verifies both citizenship and identity. That system could easily be tied to voter registration, ensuring eligibility without rolling back the progress we've made in accessibility and participation.

SB210 takes us in the wrong direction. It limits secure and convenient options, especially for people who cannot vote in person easily. It also eliminates prepaid postage, which is another barrier for some voters.

Due to a recent injury, writing this was very difficult for me. I dictated my thoughts using speech-to-text software and then used ChatGPT, a language model developed by OpenAI, to help revise grammar, punctuation, and structure (accessed March 31, 2025, at <https://chat.openai.com>).

Thank you for reading.