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

****Testimony in Opposition to SB 210:****

Dear Members of the Oregon Legislature,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Senate Bill 210, which would make in-person voting the standard method of conducting elections in Oregon, rather than continuing our highly successful and widely trusted Vote by Mail system. As an Oregonian, I am deeply concerned that this bill would undermine the access to voting that has been available to us for decades.

Oregon's Vote by Mail system has been an essential tool in ensuring that all eligible voters, regardless of location, age, or ability, can exercise their constitutional right to vote. Our current system is not only secure but also convenient and accessible. Voters are already identified and registered through the DMV at the time of licensure, ensuring that the integrity of our voter rolls is maintained. Forcing voters to return to in-person voting as the standard method would disproportionately impact those who are elderly, disabled, or living in rural areas, and would create barriers for many citizens who rely on the convenience of voting by mail.

Moreover, this bill appears to be a deliberate effort to limit voter participation, rather than empowering Oregonians to have their voices heard. The fact that Oregon's voting system has been an example of innovation and security should be celebrated, not dismantled.

I urge the legislature to reject SB 210 and protect the right of every Oregonian to vote by mail—a method that has worked well for decades and ensures that all voters, regardless of circumstance, have access to the ballot.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Sunday R. White