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

Dear Committee Members,

I strongly oppose the proposal to eliminate vote-by-mail in Oregon. Vote-by-mail has long been a cornerstone of our state's commitment to accessible, secure and convenient elections. It ensures that all eligible voters-regardless of their circumstance-have the ability to participate in the democratic process. Many Oregonians, especially those with disabilities, seniors, and people living in rural areas, rely on vote-by-mail as a crucial tool for exercising their right to vote.

Eliminating this option would disenfranchise thousands of voters and disproportionately impact those who face barriers to in-person voting. Additionally, vote-by-mail has proven to be both secure and efficient, with Oregon's system being a model for other states. In face of ongoing challenges like COVID-19 pandemic and natural disasters, it is essential to maintain systems that ensure every Oregonian can cast a vote safely and without unnecessary hurdles.

Rather than rolling back access to voting, we should be working to strengthen and expand it. I urge you to reconsider this bill and preserve Oregon's proud tradition of vote-by-mail

Sincerely,

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