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

To the Committee,

I have been an Oregonian for 6 years now. As someone who works a full-time Monday-Friday 9-5 job in-person and as someone who was previously a primary caregiver in Oregon for an immediate family member who was terminally ill, I vigorously oppose SB210 as it would severely limit voter's access to their constitutional right to vote in elections.

As a full-time caregiver between 2020-2022, leaving the house was difficult and restrictive due to the nature of my family member's illness. Without having received a mail-in ballots and the freedom to fill in the ballot on my own time (usually after the family member was asleep), I would have been far more stressed in figuring out how to take my family member-whose mobility was severely compromised-with me to the voting booth or would have had to find coverage on voting day, limiting someone else's access to the polls. Luckily, with mail-in voting I was able to take my time filling in the ballot and walk it over half a block to my nearest mailbox.

This measure is not how we create a more democratic playing field for Oregonians. If enacted, it will limit voting access for those without a personal vehicle. Roughly 31% of Oregonians are not licensed drivers according to Oregon.gov.

This measure would also make it proportionately harder for adults with disabilities, seniors, caregivers, and people who work during business hours to make their voices heard in critical policy decisions. Let's continue to expand voter access to eligible voters, not tighten them unnecessarily to restrict Oregonians and their constitutional rights.

Thank you for your time and consideration,  
Anne Smith

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