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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB210
To My Elected Officials:

I oppose this bill repealing our *American* right to vote by mail. Voting by mail gave me the time to deliberate on all of the candidates for every position, and research how the bills and measures being voted on would affect me and my community - all while continuing to work at my job that provides products, services, and taxes to my neighbors and to my state, without taking time off. I would not like to stand in a cold, rainy line for hours on end, only to feel rushed to read through 100 pages of a voter's pamphlet once it's my turn in the ballot box as hundreds of people wait behind me. Creating such a scenario by repealing this legal method of voting by mail would only dissuade me and my fellow citizens from voting, which I consider to be an attack on the values we founded this country on.

Furthermore, any concerns about voter fraud are straw man arguments - this past election, my ballot was initially denied because my signature had changed from the one I had registered with years ago; however, after confirming my identity at a local election office with my ID and my new signature, I was able to resubmit my ballot and properly exercise my right as a citizen of this country. I do not condemn this process of verifying my identity - rather, I take it as proof that our state's current system for verifying the authenticity of our citizen's ballots is functioning correctly.

I ask my elected officials - the officials I voted for, after taking my time to research their beliefs and values; the senators and representatives I was able to choose because I was able to vote by mail - to stand against this baseless attack on our country's right to vote.

Sincerely,
An American Citizen