

Submitter: Hannah Gremmels

On Behalf Of: Oregon Registered Voters

Committee: Senate Committee on Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB210

Chair & Committee Members,

I am writing to express my wholehearted support for Senate Bill 210, which seeks to mandate in-person voting and require a government-issued ID to cast a vote. This legislation is not just a measure of practicality; it is a necessary step toward ensuring the integrity and fairness of our electoral process in Oregon.

In our daily lives, we routinely present identification for various activities: driving a vehicle, boarding an airplane, opening a bank account, and even purchasing medicine. These practices ensure security and accountability in our society. It is both logical and fair to extend this requirement to the act of voting, which ultimately determines the leadership and laws of our state and nation. If we are willing to show our ID for these critical tasks, it is imperative that we do so when casting our vote—an act that shapes the future of our community.

Voting by mail is nothing but an invitation for fraud. Implementing a requirement for in-person voting with a government-issued ID in the voting process would significantly reduce the potential for voter fraud. By establishing a clear and consistent means of verifying identity, we can enhance the legitimacy of our elections, ensuring that every vote cast is both valid and representative of the true will of the people. This measure would bolster public confidence in our electoral system and reaffirm the principle that each citizen's vote counts equally and fairly.

Moreover, the current voting system has led to a disproportionate influence of major cities on the political climate of our state. Many voices from rural and less populated areas of Oregon feel unheard and overlooked. By supporting SB 210, we can create a more balanced electoral process that reflects the diverse perspectives and needs of all Oregonians, not just those in densely populated urban centers.

This legislation represents an opportunity for us to initiate meaningful change in our electoral system. I urge you to support SB 210 with enthusiasm and hope for a better Oregon. Together, we can work toward a future where every citizen's voice is heard and valued, ensuring that our democracy thrives for generations to come.

Thank you for your attention to this vital issue. I appreciate your dedication to serving the people of Oregon and look forward to seeing positive changes in our voting system. Please vote "YES".

Sincerely,

Hannah Gremmels