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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 Committee,

I am writing to strongly oppose SB 210, which would end Oregon's long-standing vote-by-mail system.

Oregon has been a national leader in secure, accessible, and efficient voting for over 40 years. Vote-by-mail has worked exceptionally well for our state. It's not just convenient — it's equitable. It levels the playing field for Oregonians who might otherwise face barriers to in-person voting, including those who work long or irregular hours, live far from polling places, lack reliable transportation, or have mobility challenges.

I haven't voted in person since the 1980s — and I never miss an election. I'm incredibly busy juggling a demanding job and caring for my son, who has special needs. Being able to vote by mail makes it possible for me to stay engaged in the democratic process. My 86-year-old mother can't physically stand in line to vote, and my daughter is a full-time university student. Vote-by-mail helps our whole family participate in elections — and we're not alone.

Ending this system would be completely unfair and unnecessary. It would disproportionately affect voters like us and reduce turnout — not because people are less interested in voting, but because the system would no longer work for their lives.

The purpose of voting is to hear from everyone. SB 210 would silence too many voices. Please protect the integrity and inclusivity of Oregon's elections.

Vote NO on SB 210.

Respectfully,
Darlene Miller