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To Oregon Senate Members

Testimony

Re: SB 210

To my honorable Senators:

I am writing to vehemently oppose SB 210.

As a loyal Portland resident since 1977, with a bout of time (2003-2012) living bicoastally between NYC and Portland to pursue career and artistic endeavors, I myself have always been grateful for our mail in voting system and the way it allows Oregonians to be thoughtfully involved in the voting process for our state and the nation, while also caring for our lives and livelihoods.

I realize that our elections have had increasing challenges over recent decades. But I don't see evidence that this is largely associated with the mail in vote. In fact, it seems to me much easier to secure physical ballots than voting machines. Further, our mail system should have security in place, with vetted federal employees in charge, and checks and balances.

Removing our mail-in voting system will only harm many groups of Oregon voters including those who need to be at work or school or caring for family on voting days, those who have trouble getting around, are disabled, etc, and will create extra challenges or possibly even reduce access to voting for people who have complications with name changes etc. I have spoken with many Oregon voters who are concerned with how this bill might impact their very ability to vote. If these potential effects are foreseen, then it could almost look like a partisan bill with intent to disadvantage certain populations. I hope my Senators will stand up against such types of endeavors.

If voter fraud is a concern, how much proof do we have that mail-in voting is involved significantly in this fraud? I suspect we would find it very low to negligible. A better approach for our state would be to look after the received ballots and secure the ballot boxes. And perhaps we can look at a way of improving clearance at registration which is not prohibitive to numerous Oregon voters and rather strives to help keep our diverse population involved in the process.

Thank you for looking into better ways to improve our voting process, rather than trying to fix what is not broken. Please vote no on SB 210.

Best regards,

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