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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB210

Dear Oregon SenatorsDear Chair Jama, Vice Chair Bonham, and Members of the Committee,:

I am writing to express my strong opposition to Senate Bill 210, which seeks to make in-person voting on Election Day the standard method for conducting elections in Oregon while limiting vote-by-mail options and imposing stringent identification requirements. I believe this bill undermines the accessibility and inclusivity that have been the hallmarks of Oregon's electoral system for decades. SB 210 would create undue hardships for the the majority of Oregon voters.

Oregon has been a pioneer in implementing a universal vote-by-mail system, which has significantly increased voter participation and streamlined the electoral process. This system allows voters to receive and return their ballots by mail, providing ample time to consider their choices and participate in elections without the constraints of a single Election Day. The success of this approach has positioned Oregon as a national leader in promoting accessible and secure voting practices.

This bill seeks to solve a problem that does not exist; to fix a system that is not broken. In fact, Oregon serves as a model for the rest of the country.SB 210 represents a significant step backward for voting accessibility in Oregon.

Please do not pass Senate bill 210. Thanks you for your attention,

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