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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

SB210

Dear Esteemed Members of the Senate Committee on Rules. Thank you for accepting my testimony today.

My name is Patricia Hine. I am a retired Navy Commander and college instructor. I am currently a community organizer in Eugene and rural Lane County, spending the last decade or two of my life protecting our hard-won Democracy, which at this time is being undermined. As a military officer, I was trained to optimize the abilities of every service member and provide as many opportunities for advancement and participation that I could. For any organization to function effectively it needs everyone to participate, contribute and be part of the team. We seek to ENCOURAGE more participation and engagement, not LESS.

This bill very clearly would reduce participation in the electoral process, which is every US citizen's birthright. This bill represents the exact wrong direction - limits participation - with no particular basis or reason. What is being fixed here?

Please vote no on SB210. We should be expanding options and make it easier to cast votes in our elections. We need policy that provides greater accessibility, not less. Any bills that would take away options and opportunities to vote is an affront to the democratic principals we hold sacred in this country and to the many who have given their lives to protect.

Thank you.

Patricia Hine