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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB210

Dear 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.

Oregon has been a leader 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.

Voting by mail is safe and secure. Our state has policies and processes in place to ensure that only eligible people cast votes, and to identify and prevent attempts at voter fraud. 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. By dismantling the proven vote-by-mail system and imposing restrictive measures, this legislation threatens to disenfranchise countless voters and erode the inclusive democracy that Oregonians have long championed. I urge you to oppose SB 210 and to continue supporting policies that make voting as accessible and equitable as possible.

Thank you,
Jennifer Perrine