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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 and imposes stringent identification requirements.

Oregon's vote-by-mail system has been a model of accessibility and efficiency since its implementation. It has consistently led to higher voter participation rates and has streamlined the electoral process, ensuring that all eligible voters, regardless of their circumstances, have the opportunity to cast their ballots.?

The proposed shift to predominantly in-person voting, coupled with strict ID requirements, threatens to disenfranchise many Oregonians, particularly those in rural communities, the elderly, individuals with disabilities, and those with demanding work schedules. These populations may find it challenging to reach polling stations or obtain the necessary identification, thereby reducing voter turnout and undermining the democratic process.

Furthermore, the current vote-by-mail system has enjoyed bipartisan support over the years. Notably, former Republican Secretaries of State, such as Norma Paulus, have played a pivotal role in advocating for and implementing vote-by-mail in Oregon. Paulus was instrumental in pioneering the system, recognizing its potential to increase voter participation and enhance the democratic process. This cross-party endorsement underscores the system's effectiveness and integrity.

I urge you to oppose SB 210 and to preserve Oregon's vote-by-mail system, which has served our state well by promoting inclusivity, accessibility, and voter participation. There are surely better ways to address the proponents' concerns than burning it down.

Sincerely,  
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