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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB210

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. This bill threatens to undermine the accessibility, security, and efficiency of Oregon's well-established vote-by-mail system, which has served our state successfully for over two decades.

Oregon has been a national leader in voter accessibility and election security through its universal vote-by-mail system. By requiring in-person voting as the primary method, SB 210 creates unnecessary barriers that could disenfranchise many voters, including seniors, people with disabilities, rural residents, and those with demanding work schedules. Vote-by-mail ensures that every eligible voter can participate without facing long lines, transportation difficulties, or other challenges associated with in-person voting.

Additionally, Oregon's vote-by-mail system has proven to be secure and efficient. The process includes signature verification, ballot tracking, and rigorous audit procedures, making it one of the most reliable election systems in the country. Shifting to an in-person voting standard would increase the burden on county election officials, requiring significant funding for polling places, equipment, and personnel—without any clear benefit to election security or public trust.

At a time when we should be making voting more accessible, not less, Senate Bill 210 is a step in the wrong direction. Instead of dismantling a system that works, I urge the legislature to focus on policies that expand voter participation and uphold Oregon's reputation for conducting fair and secure elections.

I respectfully request that you oppose SB 210 and protect the rights of all Oregonians to cast their ballots safely and conveniently. Thank you for your time and consideration.