

Submitter:

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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

SB210

Dear Senator Smith:

I am writing to express my opposition to your Oregon SB210. You are expending significant time and energy sponsoring and promoting this bill, which you feel will make our Oregon elections more fair and honest. As you must be aware, our mail-in ballot state elections are already fair and honest and a true example for the rest of the country. This bill is a solution to a nonexistent problem.

I suggest that instead you put your time and energy into solving real problems that our state is facing:

Focus on addressing homelessness, increasing housing supply, and holding agencies accountable.

Make sure that Oregon is affordable and remains a great place to live, work, raise a family, and retire.

Deliver on core functions including an education system that prepares students for a lifetime of success.

Public Health: keep working to address the increased use of harmful drugs in the community and connect people struggling with addiction to needed treatment options.

Funding for Oregon's transportation system, which is at a critical inflection point.

Previously funded by the gas tax, the movement to electric and more gas efficient cars has left a hole in the budget that lawmakers will need to address this session.

Stand up for democracy, decency and the rule of law. Work to insulate and protect our citizens from the negative repercussions of the Trump/Musk governing debacle.

Sincerely,

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