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

Re: Oregon Legislature (SB 210) Statement of Opposition

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on SB 210

I am writing to voice my strong opposition to this bill that makes in-person voting on the date of an election the standard method for conducting an election. There are numerous reasons why in person voting is difficult. Why put up barriers to seniors, active duty military, those with disabilities, parents, workers, and more. As credit to the current system, there is no significant voter fraud to justify a change, increase cost, and once again make it harder for people to vote.

I am immunocompromised by treatment for Rheumatoid Arthritis and have difficulty standing for long periods of time. Mail in voting has been a lifeline to ensure I can vote regardless of how I feel on the day of the election. Our working poor don't have the flexibility to take off work for elections and I have seen firsthand how that affects voters in states that require in person voting. Oregon's system works and we need to keep it. Voting should not be a luxury only for the healthy and wealthy.

We are losing so many aspects of our beloved democracy, so quickly. I urge you not to let this beneficial path to voter engagement to be taken away as well.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide feedback.