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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

SB210

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To: Oregon Legislature

Re: The proposed bill to change the voting process in Oregon to in person voting on election day instead of the current mail in and ballot drop box process.

Dear Legislative Body,

I am writing to vigorously object to this ridiculous suggestion that we should in any way change the voting process in Oregon. Especially to the in person same day process you have suggested. This change would suppress the vote of many Oregonians. Which is the purpose of the bill, clearly.

I lived most of my life in the home of voter suppression, the Southeastern United States. Georgia to be specific. During this time the only way to vote was to go to the polls and to stand in line to cast your vote. I have stood in lines in numerous elections for periods of up to and over four hours to cast a vote that way. I was privileged to be able to take that time off work to go do so. I had time that I could take and not lose my income for that time. Many other people do not have that luxury. Again, this is the point of this voter suppression bill.

When I arrived in Oregon and found that the voting process here was by mail and by ballot box I was overjoyed! The opportunity to review the election pamphlet and take my time at home to be able to make my choices, to be able to research the candidates! It was a thrill to be in a state that had so much common sense around voting. It provides the individual with the opportunity, when they are, able to cast their ballot. That could be 3am after a night shift or at 8pm after work.

Do not take this important process from the voters. It is clearly related to the fact that this state participates in voting, and they do so because the obstacles that are used to suppress the vote are primarily avoided by the fair process we have in this state, that this bill is even coming to a vote.

Do not participate in the suppression that hinders the voices of the people. We The People. It is clear to see that voter suppression interference is taking place blatantly in front of our eyes when the world's richest man can buy votes, and even the presidency. Do NOT participate by changing what is the model for the rest of the country of fair and free elections. Reinforce it! After all, we have all paper ballots. What more can you ask for!

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