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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB210

I am writing to voice my opposition to SB 210, the bill that would end mail-in voting in Oregon.

According to Oregon Secretary of State, Tobia Read, Oregon's mail-in voting system is a "gold standard" and a model for other states.

Mail-in voting allows for greater participation in our state and federal elections. Not all people are able to vote in person for many valid reasons - work schedule, ability to get to a voting site, being out of state on election day are just a few. Beyond these logistical reasons, our mail-in voting system provides voters with time to carefully review the voting guide and do other research to make choices that are best aligned with their values and priorities.

Concerns about fraud in the system are unfounded. An example: A person I know, who is a registered voter in Oregon, had their ballot returned due to a mismatched signature (signature did not match full name on registration), and was able to correct the issue and have their vote counted. This demonstrates how the review and validation of ballots is working to check, confirm, and count legitimate votes.

Sincerely,
Kirstin Pinit