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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 SB210, the proposed legislation that seeks to make in-person voting on Election Day the standard method for conducting elections in Oregon. This change would dismantle our state's well-established and successful vote-by-mail system, which has consistently demonstrated its effectiveness in promoting voter participation and ensuring election integrity.?

Oregon's vote-by-mail system has led to higher voter turnout across all demographics, allowing citizens the convenience of casting their ballots without the barriers that in-person voting can present. Eliminating this system in favor of exclusive in-person voting would disproportionately affect individuals with disabilities, the elderly, those with demanding work schedules, and rural residents who may face significant challenges reaching polling stations.?

Furthermore, the security and reliability of Oregon's vote-by-mail process are well-documented. Transitioning to an in-person-only voting system could introduce logistical challenges, increase costs, and potentially lead to lower voter participation.?

I urge you to oppose this legislation and uphold Oregon's commitment to accessible, secure, and inclusive elections. Maintaining our vote-by-mail system is essential to preserving the democratic principles that ensure every eligible voter has the opportunity to participate fully in our electoral process.