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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

SB210

Senate Committee,

I'm writing to voice my opposition to SB 210. Oregonians have been able to vote by mail for decades now. It is an inclusive & efficient system in removing barriers for Oregonians to vote. There is no worry about getting to a polling place by a certain time, no standing in long lines, no having to take time off of work, no missing a meal, or finding childcare, & there's also no expense in renting space or staffing to operate polling places. Our vote by mail system is convenient and encourages Oregonians to vote & have their voices heard at the ballot box. Making Oregonians vote in-person is a step back to old school ways, where a minority of people (those privileged with free time and able to get to a polling place in a short amount of time) speak for the majority (many hard working individuals who may have multiple jobs to support their families & cannot afford to take the time to get to a polling place). This is not moving our state forward but backwards. We are better than this! Keep our vote by mail system intact.

Sincerely,

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