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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB210

Senate Bill 210 is regressive and will reduce participation in elections in Oregon. Oregon has been a bellwether for mail-in voting in the United States, its success has been overwhelming and uncontroversial. Oregon's mail only elections have served as a model for other states, which reflects what voters want. We should be encouraging other states to expand mail-in voting, not backsliding on our own proven model. Default in-person voting creates barriers to participation. It is much more difficult for people with disabilities, people who lack transportation, and people who work during polling hours to list just a few examples. Please vote no on this bill and keep in place one of the most well-loved systems our legislature has ever put into place.