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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB210

We know that restricting voting to a few hours and few locations will necessarily keep thousands of Oregonians who are legally registered to vote from participating in selecting their representatives and making their voices heard on policy matters. IF YOU VOTE IN FAVOR OF SB210, WITHOUT EVIDENCE THAT THERE IS ANY PROBLEM IN OUR VOTING SYSTEM, YOU ARE ACTING IN DIRECT CONTRADICTION TO OUR MOST CLOSELY HELD DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES.

I oppose SB210 in the strongest possible terms. Oregon led the nation with our vote by mail system. Since that time, everywhere vote-by-mail has been instituted, it has been shown to increase voter engagement and participation. This must be our aim in a healthy democracy. Despite ongoing fear mongering about rampant fraud in vote-by-mail systems, Oregon's system has been scrutinized for decades and there has simply never been evidence of widespread fraud.