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On Behalf Of:	
Committee:	Senate Committee On Rules
Measure, Appointment or Topic:	SB210

I am a resident of Portland, Oregon, and I strongly oppose SB 210, which would make in-person voting on Election Day the standard method for conducting elections.

Oregon has been a leader in vote-by-mail elections for over 25 years, proving that this system is secure, accessible, and efficient. Our process includes signature verification to prevent fraud, ballot tracking for transparency, and the ability for voters to correct errors if needed. Voter turnout in Oregon is consistently among the highest in the nation, demonstrating that vote-by-mail encourages participation.

I raised my children to vote this way. We sit together, discuss candidates and measures, research our choices, and engage in meaningful debates. Having a ballot at home allows for careful, informed decision-making—without the pressure of long lines or a single Election Day deadline.

Vote-by-mail ensures accessibility for people with disabilities, those with work or caregiving responsibilities, and anyone who might face barriers getting to a polling place. It provides flexibility, convenience, and security while maintaining the integrity of our elections.

Oregon's system works. We should be expanding voter access, not limiting it. I urge you to oppose SB 210 and protect our successful vote-by-mail!