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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB210

SB210 would increase inequity by making it harder for people with inflexible schedules to vote. It offers no provisions for paid time off of work for citizens to vote. Supporters have not provided compelling factual evidence of fraud they claim this bill is needed to address.

SB210 would increase election costs by returning to the practice of setting up and staffing polling places on Election Day.

SB210 would be less efficient and would slow down elections in Oregon, creating unnecessary uncertainty around the outcome of elections. Under the status quo, although votes are not tabulated until Election Day, ballots may be scanned as early as 7 days before Election Day. SB210 would shift the burden of work onto Election Day and subsequent days.

In summary, this bill would introduce numerous harms while offering no proven benefits over the status quo of mail in voting. I oppose SB210.