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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB210

Dear Chair Jama and Vice-Chair Bonham, and esteemed members of the Committee, thank you for taking my testimony in opposition to SB 210.

Our voting system and making voting accessible to all Oregonians helps protect our rights as Oregonians and ensures that we have a voice in our political process. Oregon Motor Voter has proven again and again to boost voter turnout and participation from minorities, young voters, and low-income and rural voters who have faced logistical challenges to registering to vote through other means.

The arguments I hear supporting this bill - that a statistically low number of errors happen in a system and therefore the whole system needs to be thrown out – is a deeply flawed and disingenuous argument that is really about suppressing votes from these communities and pursuing an autocratic agenda in the United States. By all means, fund staff to review voter rolls and improve the system and data integrity and security of this system.

But please keep it easy for Oregonians to participate in their civic duty to vote, so that we all get a voice.

Thank you for considering my testimony.