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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB210
To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing as a concerned Oregon voter to express my strong opposition to Senate Bill 210, which would eliminate our vote-by-mail system and require all voting to be done in person. This bill is a direct attack on the accessibility, security, and efficiency of our elections, and I urge lawmakers to reject it.

Oregon's vote-by-mail system has been in place for over 20 years, and it works. It makes voting accessible for people who live in rural areas, work long hours, have disabilities, or face other challenges that make it difficult to get to a polling place on Election Day. Requiring in-person voting would create unnecessary barriers for these voters and could lead to widespread disenfranchisement.

Furthermore, our vote-by-mail system is secure. Every ballot is verified with signature matching, and there is no evidence of widespread fraud. In fact, Oregon's elections are known for their reliability and high voter participation. The idea that switching to in-person voting would make elections more secure is simply not supported by facts.

Most importantly, Oregonians trust and support vote-by-mail. More than 11,000 people submitted testimony on this bill, and the vast majority opposed it. Why take away a system that works and is widely supported? This bill is a solution to a problem that doesn't exist, and it only serves to make voting harder for many Oregonians.

I urge you to listen to the voices of the people and reject SB 210. We should be making it easier, not harder, for eligible citizens to vote.

Sincerely,
Rebecca Engle