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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 strongly oppose Senate Bill 210, which would eliminate our long-standing vote-by-mail system and require all voting to be done in person. This bill would create unnecessary obstacles for voters and undermine a system that has served Oregonians well for decades.

Vote-by-mail ensures that every eligible voter has a fair and accessible way to participate in elections. Many people—especially seniors, people with disabilities, working parents, and rural residents—rely on this system to cast their ballots. Requiring in-person voting would make it significantly harder for these individuals to exercise their right to vote.

Oregon's vote-by-mail system is not only convenient but also highly secure. Each ballot goes through a strict signature verification process to prevent fraud, and our elections have consistently been reliable and well-run. There is no valid reason to eliminate a system that has been proven to work.

It's clear that Oregonians value and trust vote-by-mail. Thousands of people have already spoken out against this bill because they know it would make voting more difficult for many citizens. Instead of restricting access to the ballot, we should be working to protect and expand voting rights.

I strongly urge you to oppose SB 210 and uphold Oregon's trusted and effective vote-by-mail system. Our democracy works best when every voice can be heard.