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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

SB210

Dear Members of the Oregon Legislature,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to SB 210. Time and time again it's been proven Oregon's vote-by-mail system is secure, inclusive, and efficient. The vote-by-mail method has resulted in some of the highest voter participation in the nation, and has increased voting accessibility for all Oregonians.

Reverting back to mandatory in-person voting and imposing voter ID requirements creates unnecessary barriers that disproportionately impact seniors, rural voters, individuals with disabilities, and historically marginalized communities.

As a self-employed small business owner, voting by mail allows me to participate fully in our democracy by giving me the flexibility to vote when I am able to. I am able to make a living and schedule clients without worrying about setting aside precious time to go to a voting location in order to vote.

Our vote-by-mail system provides a paper trail which allows parties who feel that there have been voting irregularities to review the votes.

Requiring voting in person will restrict access while not providing any further security.

Voting is a right we should make easy for everyone. I ask you to protect our proven and trusted electoral process and reject SB 210.

Thank you for considering the voice of your constituents.

Respectfully,

Theresa Braunstein