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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB210  
Subject: Opposition to SB210 - In-Person Voting and Voter Identification

Dear Members of the Oregon Legislature,  
I am writing to express my support of Senate Bill 210, "Makes in-person voting on the date of an election the standard method for conducting an election". I believe that all voting should occur in person, with mandatory voter identification verification. My concern stems from the fundamental principle of ensuring the integrity and security of our electoral process. Just as we require identification for other important activities, such as purchasing alcohol or boarding an airplane, we should apply the same standard to voting. These activities require proof of identity to ensure that the individual participating is legally entitled to do so.

Specifically:

- Voter Identification: Requiring in-person voting with identification verification would significantly reduce the potential for voter fraud and ensure that only eligible citizens cast ballots. This would increase public confidence in the election results.
- Integrity of the Process: In-person voting allows for direct oversight of the voting process, minimizing the potential for errors or manipulation that can occur with mail-in ballots.
- Equal Standard: If we are required to prove who we are for many other regulated activities, it is logical and reasonable that we should have to do the same for something as important as voting.

The argument that mail-in voting decreases voter turnout does not outweigh the importance of maintaining the integrity of our elections. While convenience is a factor, it should not supersede the necessity of secure and verifiable voting practices.

I urge you to reconsider the continuation of mail-in voting and instead prioritize legislation that mandates in-person voting with voter identification verification. This would ensure that every legal vote is counted and that the results accurately reflect the will of the people.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this important matter.  
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