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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

SB210

Dear Chair Jama, Vice-Chair Bonham, and other members of the committee,

My name is Marjono Reksopuro, and I am a constituent in Happy Valley, testifying in opposition and to raise concern for the bill, SB 210. This bill seeks to restrict resources from Oregonians to being able to choose their elected officials.

Our democracy was built on the ability for every citizen to be able to express their wishes and voice in governance. In 2020, Oregon had the highest voter turnout nationwide, with a voter participation of over 80%. This could not have been possible with the privilege and accessibility of mail-in ballots. As a 9-5 worker and father, I know first-hand how tedious it is to be forced to delegate time off, and wait in long lines to just cast a vote. This universal experience turns millions away from the civic responsibility of participating in our democracy.

Mail-in ballots empowers Oregonians to not just participate in our democracy, but do so educatedly. Research time and time again shows that mail-in ballots encourages people to properly research candidates, ensuring that our election results reflect the views of its constituents; moreover, regarding security risks, mail-in ballots have been deemed extremely secure, private, and safe— with statistics showing that mail-in ballot fraud amounted to minuscule levels.

By passing this bill, you are taking away opportunities for hardworking Oregonians, who are entitled to civic engagement, from participating in governance. I respectfully urge you, esteemed Senators, to join me in opposing SB 210, to protect an integral part of our democracy. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Marjono Reksopuro