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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB210

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Dear Members of the Senate Rules Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for Senate Bill 210, which would transition Oregon from a vote-by-mail system to primarily in-person voting and require voters to present valid government-issued identification.

As an Oregonian who values the integrity and security of our elections, I believe this bill addresses critical needs in our democratic process.

For too long, Oregon's vote-by-mail system has relied on trust without sufficient verification. While it has been convenient, it leaves room for potential errors or fraud—whether through outdated voter rolls, ballots sent to incorrect addresses, or ballots returned by unauthorized individuals.

Requiring in-person voting with photo ID would ensure that every vote cast is tied to a verified voter, strengthening public confidence in our elections. Many states already use voter ID successfully, and Oregon can adopt this common-sense safeguard without sacrificing accessibility.

In-person voting also restores a sense of civic responsibility and community to Election Day. It brings Oregonians together to participate in a shared democratic tradition, rather than treating voting as a solitary, mailed-in task.

SB 210 includes provisions for those unable to vote in person, such as military members and overseas voters, ensuring no one is disenfranchised.

I urge the committee to support SB 210 and give Oregonians the chance to vote on this measure in 2026. Let the people decide how we secure our elections.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

Sincerely,
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