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

I support this bill because it's just common sense to make in-person voting standard (with some exceptions), require photo ID for voting and ballot requests, and ensure that all mail-in ballots are received by Election Day—a standard already enforced in most other states. These are not burdensome requirements. Oregonians deserve elections that are fair, accurate, and secure, but Oregon allows voters to register without proof of U.S. citizenship (ORS 247.012) and counts ballots with missing or illegible postmarks (ORS 254.470), thereby exposing the state to unnecessary vulnerabilities. These policies could also put Oregon at risk of losing federal election funding under the latest Executive Order on election integrity.

Moreover, Oregon is currently facing multiple lawsuits for failing to comply with the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA), including allegations that the state refuses to provide access to voter registration maintenance records and has failed to remove inactive voters from its rolls.

Taken together, these lax and corrupt voting procedures open the door to fraud. In point of fact, over 1,500 noncitizens in Oregon were mistakenly registered to vote, and the USPS failed to deliver ballots to 2% of registered voters in Coos County. These are only two examples among many other lapses in election integrity.

SB 210 will go a long way toward restoring Oregonians' confidence in our election integrity. Please vote "YES" on SB 210!

Thank you.