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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB210

Dear Senate committee on rules,

As an Oregonian and Multnomah County resident, I have participated in Vote by Mail for 25 years. I strongly urge you to oppose SB 210.

I recall my parents lining up for the polls at our local elementary school when I was a child and I never understood how laborious and complicated the voting process was for full time working parents — frankly, it is still the case in far too many states and perhaps worse than decades ago when one parent typically stayed home with the kids.

Voting in person creates unnecessary pressures and limits voter turnout whereas voting by mail allows voters the time to properly assess, analyze, research, and thoughtfully vote in good conscience and intention.

The proposed bill is creating a purposeful barrier to voting and will negatively impact Oregonians.

The truth is that Oregonians are leading the way, and Vote by Mail should be regarded as the standard for all states in order to be more inclusive, expand the voter base, and improve voter turn out across our country.

This bill will directly affect those in our community who are most marginalized including the elderly, the disabled, and working families. This is not what Oregon families want, need or deserve. Please vote NO on SB 210.

Best regards,

Tim Cowan
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