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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

SB210

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

My name is Nicole Reksopuro, and I am a constituent in Happy Valley, Oregon. I approach this committee to not just oppose this bill, SB 210, but also express my concern for the future of our democracy.

Our democracy thrives when individuals feel and are properly represented in governance-- yet, this attempt to restrict access to resources that allow people to participate in the civic duty of voting, puts millions of Oregonians' voices at risk. In 2020, Oregon had some of the highest voter turnout in history, and it was because of mail-in ballots that gave our voting population access to our democracy. With pride in our working population, many working Oregonians struggle to delegate time off of work to wait at the swamped voting polls; the Oregon Legislature has dismantled these barriers for working Oregonians, and it's primarily because of resources like automatic voter registration and mail-in ballots.

SB 210 is a threat to Oregon's electoral processes. By passing this bill, you are advocating against millions of voting Oregonians, who struggle to find the time to vote. Mail-in ballots are integral to Oregonians everywhere. Especially in the current state of our country today, where democratic provisions continue to be undermined, the voice of our voters has never been more important. By opposing this bill, you are demonstrating your commitment to making democracy as accessible as possible.

I urge you senators, to please vote NO on this bill, to protect Oregon's democracy, and preserve people's access to voice their needs in our elections.

Sincerely,  
Nicole Reksopuro