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

Dear Members of the Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for Senate Bill 210, which would restore the tradition of in-person voting on election day while maintaining accommodations for those who cannot vote in person. As an Oregon resident who has experienced different voting systems, I believe this bill offers a prudent balance between election integrity and accessibility.

The proposed legislation would:

- \*Return to a single election day with in-person voting at designated polling places
- \*Preserve vote-by-mail options for voters who cannot reasonably vote in person
- \*Maintain Oregon's commitment to voter accessibility while enhancing transparency

In-person voting provides immediate verification that one's ballot has been properly cast and counted—a direct connection to our democratic process that many voters value. When citizens can personally participate in and witness the voting process, it fosters greater public confidence in our elections. SB 210 thoughtfully addresses the needs of all voters by ensuring that those with legitimate barriers to in-person voting—including disability, illness, absence from the jurisdiction, or religious beliefs—can still participate through absentee ballots.

This bill represents a measured reform that would strengthen our electoral system through enhanced standardization and transparency without disenfranchising any eligible voters. It respects the fundamental principles of our democracy while responding to concerns about election integrity. I respectfully urge the committee to support Senate Bill 210 and move it forward in the legislative process.