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On Behalf Of:

Committee:

Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic:

SB210

Dear Sen. Jama and committee members: I am a lifelong Oregonian born and raised in Portland. I have long been an advocate for fair and open elections, starting with my work on the Go 19 campaign with Earl Blumenauer in 1969 and 1970 when I was a senior in high school. I write in strong opposition to SB 210.

Over the decades since we made vote by mail our state standard, we have seen increased rates of voter turnout as voting has become more accessible. I have observed and experienced increased civic engagement as the longer voting period allows for further research, conversation, and debate about issues and candidates. I have seen no indication of any significant voter fraud associated with vote by mail. There is no compelling reason to change the system that has been working so well to enfranchise and serve Oregonians, and every reason to continue it. I urge you to vote NO on this unnecessary and harmful bill.