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On Behalf Of:
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB210

I am writing as a concerned constituent from Portland, Oregon, to express my strong opposition to any proposed legislation that seeks to eliminate mail-in voting in our state. Oregon has been a pioneer in implementing vote-by-mail, a system that has been in place for decades and has consistently demonstrated its effectiveness, security, and ability to increase voter participation.

The recent decision by the U.S. Supreme Court to decline hearing a lawsuit aimed at ending mail voting in Oregon underscores the legitimacy and reliability of our vote-by-mail system. This lawsuit, led by individuals including state Senator Dennis Linthicum, sought to challenge the method Oregonians have trusted for years. The Supreme Court's refusal to hear the case leaves in place lower court rulings that upheld the integrity of mail-in voting in our state.

Eliminating mail-in voting would not only undermine the accessibility of the electoral process but also disenfranchise many voters who rely on this convenient and secure method to cast their ballots. A survey conducted shortly before the 2022 election found that a majority of Oregonians consider our state to be among the best in the country at running elections. Furthermore, 69% of all Oregon voters—and notably, 49% of Republican voters—expressed confidence in the safety, integrity, and accuracy of voting by mail.

The success of Oregon's vote-by-mail system serves as a model for the nation, demonstrating that mail-in voting can be conducted securely and efficiently while promoting higher voter turnout. Efforts to dismantle this system lack justification and threaten to erode public trust in our democratic processes.

I urge you to oppose any legislation that seeks to eliminate or restrict mail-in voting in Oregon. Protecting and preserving this system is essential to ensuring that all eligible voters have the opportunity to participate fully in our democracy.

Thank you for considering my concerns. I trust that you will act in the best interest of your constituents and uphold the integrity of Oregon's electoral system.

Sincerely,

Alyssa Reget