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

March 31, 2025  
Oregon State Senate  
Senate Committee on Rules  
900 Court St  
Salem, Oregon 97301  
Re: Opposition to SB210 Legislation to Overturn Oregon's Vote By Mail System

To the Members of the Committee:

I am writing to strongly oppose any legislation to overturn Oregon's Vote By Mail System, a system approved of by overwhelming numbers in 1998. Voters approved it by the margin of 757,204 to 334,021.

The system works great and the facts are in support of this. We have highly dedicated county clerks that govern this system and ensure accuracy. They are aided by the everyday Oregonian, people from both parties, who offer to observe the elections. Invalid and tampered with ballots effectively captured and removed. Throughout the history of mail in voting in Oregon, there isn't evidence available of fraud in out state, it has continued to be one of the safest and most effective ways to vote.

It supports the voting of those who don't have the ability to get to a voting center whether they have a busy work schedule or don't have the physical ability. It helps people in rural areas and those who are elderly to still be able to exercise their right to vote without having to overcome the physical barriers of transportation.

The removal of the Vote By Mail system disenfranchises multiple voters. The removal of the Vote By Mail system exposes voters to intimidation and harassment at voting centers, something increasingly more common in other states with the last few elections.

Oregon has a rich history of petition initiative systems, decisions being made by the voices of the people in the state, something the government claims to want to stand for. A decision this important needs the voice of the people, the voters, a petition could show who wouldn't want the Vote By Mail system.

To make a decision about this without the people is inherently wrong. Protect our right to self govern, protect the great system we have for elections, a safe, accurate, and credible bi-partisan system.

Reject SB 210 and protect our democracy.

Sincerely,

Maddox-Ryan Winters  
Marion County Resident