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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB210

I strongly oppose SB 210 and urge a NO vote.

Vote by mail works. Requiring voters to visit polling places on the day of an election suppresses the vote. Which is, of course, the point of this bill. Do not fear the electorate so much that you stop encouraging us to speak up via our vote. Because that's what this bill is about -- fear. Unfounded fear that ineligible people are voting in droves (per the State Legislative Fiscal Office, voter fraud in Oregon is 0.00006% -- just 38 cases out of 61 million votes cast from 2000-2019). And fear that the majority of people might not agree with a candidate's position. But if you truly want to represent the people, you also want to listen to their voices. Which means you should want EVERYONE to vote and do what you can to ensure access to voting is universal. Vote by mail does that.

Do not bow to fear. Represent the people. Stop voter suppression efforts. Vote NO on SB 210.