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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB210

Dear Senate committee on rules,

As an Oregonian and a resident of Multnomah county where I have participated in vote by mail for over 20 years I strongly urge you to oppose SB 210. This is a clear attempt to undermine the will of the people.

Oregon has effectively and securely operated vote by mail for years. Do not take us backward to a more cumbersome way of voting which adds burden to legal registered voters, limiting participation. Voting should be accessible for all.

Taking time off work to vote means less voter turnout. This is creating a purposeful barrier to voting, which is exactly what Republicans want because they cannot and do not win on merit. They know that if they make it harder to vote, then only those with privilege will vote. This bill will directly affect those in our community who are most marginalized. The elderly, the disabled, and working families. This is not what Oregon families want, need or deserve.

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