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Senator Wagner and the Senate Rules Committee,

I am writing to support Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) and SB 791. I have been an RCV proponent since first learning about it 30 years ago. I believe RCV improves elections and participation because it removes the so-called "spoiler" aspect of winner-take-all elections and it forces candidates to seek support outside their base.

I have introduced and implemented the use of RCV in a few organizations over the years and it's always very easy to explain, understand, and implement. It is so simple, rank your choices 1, 2, 3…,, that everyone believes the results are fair and democratic (majority rules).

RCV has been the subject of a couple Toastmaster speeches I've given over the years combined with a working demonstration and people intuitively understand how it works and that the results make sense. Using RCV allows people to vote for their preference without trying to game the election by <u>not</u> choosing their preferred option.

RCV has been used in governmental and organizational elections around the nation and around the world, over many decades. It is a proven system that saves money from costly run-off elections, ensures majority rule (>50% wins) and not that difficult to implement.

Before I close I just want to say something briefly about STAR voting because I know you are also hearing from their small but vocal group of supporters. I have looked at STAR a number of times and it always seems confusing and not at all intuitive to me, and I am a CPA with an MBA. I could go on but I think that reason alone is strong enough. RCV is as simple as 1, 2, 3.

Thank you for having a hearing on RCV and I hope you move the SB 791 forward with "YES" votes!

Sincerely,

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