

To Senator Wagner and the Senate Rules Committee,

I would like to provide testimony in support of SB791.

I believe that Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) can lead to a more representative democracy and election system than is currently in place. Further, it has been shown to be effective in other places across the United States, with cases to draw data and inspiration.

The RCV system allows for more choice, promotes more diverse and representative candidates and inspires these candidates to compete for the votes of all constituents. This is a needed break from the current system, where large portions of the population can simply be ignored by a candidate.

RCV can result in greater voter participation and more civil discourse. I would feel more confident in a winning candidate through RCV, who would have a majority support of votes and more fully represent the views of their respective constituents.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best,
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