

Chair Senator Wagner, Vice-chair Senator Girod and members of the committee:

My name is Adam Naegeli, a lifelong resident of Salem Oregon and I am writing to you today to show my support of SB 791. Ranked choice voting (RCV) will benefit our democracy by promoting a more civil discourse, greater representation amongst Oregonians and provides a more accurate representation of their wishes.

Oregonians are fed up with mudslinging and partisan divisiveness. Ranked choice voting incentivizes candidates to run on good faith campaigns because they must compete for second choice votes and using uncivil tactics will shun the second choice votes of their competitors. It also prevents spoiler votes-- allowing people to vote their consciences without having to worry about voting strategically or for the "Lesser of two evils".

The mathematical, scientific, and real world proof of the effectiveness of RCV is undeniable. It is my hope that Oregon can lead the way into the 21st century of democracy by passing SB791 and promoting RCV to better represent our great state and her citizens by promoting a more just system.

Thank you for your time.

Adam Naegeli  
Salem