

Co-Chairs Girod and Holvey, and members of the Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On Capital Construction,

My name is Mike Alfoni and I'm writing on behalf of the Oregon Ranked Choice Voting Advocates – a growing coalition of community organizations and individuals dedicated to bringing more voices into our elections and greater diversity to our government.

Our coalition believes HB5006 – specifically the \$2 million allocated to the Secretary of State for voting machine updates – is a great step forward in Oregon's efforts to be a leader on election innovation and modernization.

Currently there are 17 Oregon counties that are operating with out-of-date machines that are in dire need of upgrades. Not only is this an election security issue, these funds will allow those counties throughout Oregon to upgrade their voting machines to accommodate any method of voting allowed by the Oregon constitution – including Ranked Choice Voting.

This is why Oregon Ranked Choice Voting Advocates urge the Joint Ways and Means Committee to move HB5006 to floor with the \$2 million allocated to the Secretary of State. By supporting this important fund, we can Help Oregon Vote.