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The inevitable result of a 2-party system is extreme partisanship and a divided country. Ranked choice voting offers the opportunity to reshape the political landscape by allowing compromise candidates to win, since the first or second choice of a majority voters will likely win, rather than the first choice of only a plurality of voters.

We know that in genetics, inbreeding is harmful. The way to maintain a healthy bloodline is to regularly introduce new genes. If we want to maintain a healthy political system, we must make it possible for new ideas and movements to participate in the process as elected representatives.

Current elected officials generally do not do the work their voters chose them for. They serve those who give them money rather than those who give them votes. They distort voting districts with gerrymandering to the extent that it is nearly impossible for either party to wrest a seat away from a given party. With ranked choice voting, politicians face accountability from their constituents.

We have the chance to set an example for the other 49 states who aren't lucky enough to have a legislature that is responsive to the wishes of the public. Our political systems are endangering the very foundation of our nation and state. I urge you to pass ranked choice voting to strengthen Oregon's government.

Thank you.