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Senators,

As the recent Republican walkouts have showed, Oregon is stuck in rule by the minority. The majority party was forced to give up positions in order to get a minority to return to the Senate so business could be conducted. But, as much as I disagree with the Republican walkout and hope that all senators who missed time are held to account, they have made one good point: compromise is now impossible. If a position is too far to one side, it will either result in a walkout by the minority, or a veto by the majority. Ranked choice voting can help to reduce these legislative deadlocks by drawing candidates to the middle of the political spectrum by appealing to a broader base as opposed to only party faithful on either side. Thank you for your time.