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I am a software engineer from Eugene. The current first past the post voting system often falls short of securing a true majority support and encourages divisive politics. Ranked Choice Voting addresses this issue, consistently yielding winners with broad appeal, with numbers much higher than even 50 percent support.

RCV encourages candidates to appeal to a larger, more diverse base, reducing partisanship and fostering more constructive political discourse. It stands as a safeguard, ensuring we never find ourselves governed by an official who does not carry majority support.

Moreover, RCV shields our elections from the spoiler effect, allowing multiple candidates with similar viewpoints to run without fear of splitting the vote. By doing so, we're enabling diverse perspectives to surface and likely getting the best candidate to win, contributing to a healthier democratic process.

As a resident of Oregon, I believe RCV will enhance our political ecosystem. I strongly advocate for its adoption statewide.