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Every year my wife and I write a letter to our children about what we are doing to improve the world for them. We spend a lot of time thinking through our own choices and political activism. And in 2020, in our first letter, we talked about steps that we were going to take to support a better democracy. Included in those steps was supporting ranked choice voting (RCV) across the country. So, it is our great pleasure to write in support of ranked choice voting in our home state of Oregon today.

Some of our family live in Alaska which very recently experienced the advantages of a ranked choice voting system including: avoidance of a costly run-off, a race that largely avoided candidate attacking each other, and a wider candidate pool that seemed to focus more on important kitchen table issues. By all accounts that race was a success for Alaskans and we would like to see more of that here.

Whether you look at it from a lens of reducing costs, reducing divisiveness or increasing electorate satisfaction RCV is a triple win.