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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure: HB2004

To the Chairs and Committee Staff,

I am opposed to HB2004, regarding ranked-choice voting and I am asking you to end this unfair practice before it begins in the state's elections.

Types of changes to voting laws such as ranked choice are passed under the guise of "fairness," of allowing minor candidates a chance at elected office, to encourage voter participation, and that their voices count along with other such lofty goals.

This illusion of fairness is a clever fraud.

Such systems are open to manipulation, allowing candidates to "win" who would not otherwise in a straightforward election with only one choice among many.

This is not speculation or conspiracy theory.

Indeed, "the Gibbard Satterthwaite theorem states that every non-trivial voting method among at least 3 alternatives can be strategically manipulated." (See, for example, "Elections can be Manipulated Often" by Friedgut, Kalai, & Nisan.¹). It is not a new voting scheme.

People who promote such election schemes as "ranked choice" seek to consolidate power, not share it. That is human nature.