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On Behalf Of:

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I am writing to express my deep concern regarding discussions within the legislature to reintroduce ranked-choice voting (RCV) for federal and state executive offices—a measure that was recently defeated by Oregon voters.

In the November 5, 2024, general election, Measure 117 proposed the implementation of RCV for elections to federal and state executive offices. This measure was decisively rejected by the electorate, with 57.70% voting against it and 42.30% in favor. ?

The defeat of Measure 117 reflects the clear will of the people of Oregon. To resurrect this measure through legislative action not only disregards the recent democratic decision but also undermines the foundational principles of our representative democracy. Such an action could be perceived as an attempt to circumvent the electorate's choice, thereby eroding public trust in our legislative processes.

I respectfully urge you to honor the decision made by Oregon voters and refrain from pursuing legislative avenues to implement ranked-choice voting at this time. It is imperative that we uphold the integrity of our democratic system by respecting the outcomes of our electoral processes.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your continued service to the people of Oregon