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Dear Oregon Legislature,

I am truly losing faith in Oregon government. The voters said no to ranked choice voting in a recent election. WHY then, is this house bill proposing to enact ranked choice voting for Oregon? I am so disheartened by this bill.

I served on a charter review committee last year for the city of Forest Grove. We took a close look at ranked choice voting, as we wondered if it might serve our city well. It took quite a bit of study and explanation to understand how ranked choice voting works. On its face, it seems like a good idea. But as we came to deeper understanding of it, we realized it completely shuts down the voice of minority voters. How is that democracy? Oregon is quickly proving that only 3 of the most populous countries will dictate policy for all of Oregon's 36 counties. Please do not do this. Please represent all Oregon citizens, who have already voted no on ranked choice voting.

Thank you.

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