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Damascus, OR

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The Honorable Members of the Oregon Legislature  
Oregon State Capitol  
900 Court St NE  
Salem, Or 97301

**SUBJECT: Opposition to HB 3166**

I am writing to express my opposition to HB 3166, which proposes to establish open primaries and ranked-choice voting.

In a state that is already dominated by a supermajority of democrats, I believe the result of open primaries would decrease the choices voters have in choosing elected representatives.

**Section 40 of HB 3166 is especially problematic in that it would implement ranked-choice voting. This is an egregious affront to Oregon voters who overwhelmingly voted down ranked-choice voting in Measure 117 in 2024 by 57.7% to 42.3% (Ballotpedia).**

In addition, ranked-choice voting is complicated and expensive, and will delay reporting the results.

Ranked-choice voting would also diminish voter confidence in elections because ballots can end up being “exhausted” – and trashed – and then not counted at all. This method completely ignores voters’ preferences, eliminating a preferred candidate who would have led with the most votes received, but did not get a majority.

Ranked-choice voting would be a violation of the longstanding democratic representative principle of one person, one vote.

**I strongly urge a NO vote on HB 3166.**

Thank you for reading my testimony.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sam Vigil". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Sam" being larger and more prominent than the last name "Vigil".

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