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Senate Majority Leader Rob Wagner  
Senate Committee on Rules

RE: Testimony in favor of SB 791 Rank Choice Voting State/County/City

As your constituent from Tigard 97224, I support Rank Choice voting for the following reasons:

As a voter, we have the choice of voting for the best of two pre-selected high financed candidates.

- RCV would give us more candidates to pick from, instead of only pre-selected candidates.
- RCV would also encourage candidates to prioritize constituents, over donors.
- RCV could eliminate high financed negative campaigns, focus on issues.
- RCV would eliminate vote splitting, or wasted votes.
- RCV would increase voter participation, because voters would feel that they can vote their choices, priorities, and feel that their vote actually counts. In improving negative and aggressive campaign climate, more citizens would be voting.
- RCV would encourage campaign focus on issues to benefit all, not party dominance.
- RCV in discouraging high financed negative campaigns would save money. There are much better uses for those funds.

Benefits as I see them

Increase Voter participation and engagement  
More diversity of opinion, not limited to high financed  
Voters would be able to vote their choices

RCV is a great improvement over current process. RCV is a great start to a better future, with less partisan gridlock. Also another consideration might be to explore if and how Star Voting process might actually improve the process further.

Thankful to live in Oregon.