

To Senator Wagner and the Senate Rules Committee,

I am writing today as an Oregonian and a college student passionate about democracy, and I urge you to move forward in support of SB 791. Ranked choice voting (RCV) is an excellent remedy for today's divided political world. We need voters to be able to vote for candidates that resonate with them, without feeling that they are sacrificing a vote that could have gone to a more viable candidate. This is essential to help voters feel like their voices are well-represented on their ballots, and will go a long way towards making participation in democracy more inclusive and equitable.

Oregon is known to be a leader in forward-thinking voting systems. Our state's early adoption of vote-by-mail paved the way for a nationwide shift towards absentee ballots last fall, ensuring that it was possible to carry forward with an election during a pandemic. Oregon must now reclaim our role as a state on the cutting edge of new voting systems.

Sincerely,
Beatrice Pickett