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Our current system of first-past-the-post voting is limiting and frustrating to voters and it is holding our progress back.

In every election cycle, I have had the same conversation again and again:  
“Oh I don’t like Candidate A, but no one is going to back the one I agree with, and I don’t want to split the vote and allow Candidate B to win. If my ideal candidate can’t win, I guess I’d prefer Candidate A, so I’ll vote for Candidate A.”

The way we speak about our election choices is already one of ranking choices.

But, come Election Day, voters are strong-armed by our voting system to make the safe choice over the one that they most agree with.

With ranked choice voting, we could vote for the candidates we agree with without sacrificing our voices.

As an Oregon voter, I want to see ranked choice voting on our ballots as soon as possible.

Thank you for your time and consideration.