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On Behalf Of:  
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Hello,

My name is Dylan, I'm a regular voter in Portland, and a strong supporter of HB 2004. I believe that a core source of the divisions in our society come for a perceived lack of representation in our representatives. More simply, folks feel like they are being unheard and that their views are unaligned with that of their representatives. Yet, these folks are forced to vote, if they feel that they must vote, for these same representatives election after election, because they are the 'lesser of two evils'. What breeds is disappointment, apathy, and sometimes destructive anger.

We should be taking steps to better align public sentiment and the voting preferences of our representatives. Personally, I feel that ranked choice voting is a strong tool to better achieve that goal. Simply, Oregon's voters will feel more confident that they had the ability to vote their conscience, will still voting more 'strategically' in further ranked choosing, if they feel they must. Further, the supporters of the losing candidate can feel that the process was fair and the candidate was the greatest overall support was the victor.

I think we can all agree that we could use more confidence in our electoral system, whether the skepticism from some groups is real or simply perceived. In any event, this will be a step to regaining that confidence, and down the line will result in a state government more representative of citizens' sentiment.

Thank you very much for your consideration,  
Dylan