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My name is Tim Slevin-Vegdahl and I live in Portland I am writing to testify in strong support for HB 2004, which will establish ranked choice voting statewide and help ensure all Oregonians are represented in our democracy.

I am consistently having conversations with others and myself feeling that given the current first past the post voting system we cannot vote our conscience because there is too much worry about the "worst candidate winning". Splitting the vote doesn't need to be a concern if we have RCV. I also believe it will cause more positive elections and cause people to focus more on the positives than the negatives of their opponents.

For those reasons and more I strongly support this bill. Thank you,

Timothy Slevin-Vegdahl