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On Behalf Of:
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Measure: HB2004

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I am writing to testify in strong support for HB 2004, which will establish ranked choice voting statewide and help ensure all Oregonians are well represented in our democracy.

Reasons why I personally support ranked choice voting:

1. As a non-affiliated voter, I feel excluded during the nomination process by the closed two-party primary system. A ranked choice primary would allow me to fully participate and support quality candidates of any party affiliation.
2. In a close election, I fear my vote might be "wasted" or cause a "spoiler" situation. Ranked choice voting is easy to understand, and would give me confidence that my preferences are fully represented in the vote counting process.

Ranked choice voting is a common-sense solution for consensus building and fairness, and Oregon's logical next step for improving our electoral process. Please support HB 2004 and pass it out of committee. Thank you for your consideration.