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I am writing to support our need for rank choice voting in the state of Oregon. While no voting system is perfect, rank choice voting puts me in a position where I can truly vote for the candidate I believe will be the best fit for the challenges of our time without worrying that doing so will necessarily lead to a victory for the candidate opposing those views. As it stands, I often want to vote for a candidate that is nuanced and moderate in their approach, but I know that doing so will take a vote AWAY from the "party line" which leads me to vote away from my conscience. In short, I am not voting for who I want, I am simply voting against who I don't want. That's not an optimal way to support a democracy. We can do better.

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