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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure: HB2004

My name is Laura Hadden and I live in Portland, OR. 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 passionate about supporting candidates who represent the values I believe in, but as the system currently stands, I feel as though voting for my preferred candidate is often the equivalent of throwing my vote away. The mental calculus and compromises that I (and other voters!) have to undergo each and every election cycle is disheartening and often makes me question about whether my vote truly matters. I believe that ranked choice voting will go a long way to making me feel that my voice is heard and will encourage a more diverse pool of candidates.

Please support HB 2004 and pass it out of committee.

Many thanks,

Laura Hadden