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On Behalf Of:  
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I urge you to oppose ranked choice voting.

Election integrity is very important. Ranked choice voting makes audits and recounts even more difficult and expensive. It opens up potential fraud. Ranked choice voting increases the time to finalize elections.

Each eligible vote should count. Ranked choice voting requires a voter to rank all candidates or risk having their vote thrown out in later rounds of counting. It results in a voter ranking a candidate they would never choose.

Ranked choice voting is confusing.

Ranked choice voting is discouraging voter turnout. Alaska implemented ranked choice voting in 2022 after it passed by a mere 1%. In the 2022 Alaskan general election, voter turnout was lower than ever in the state of Alaska. Voter turnout dropped 20% in all demographics. Many voters in Alaska are hoping to repeal ranked choice voting through a ballot measure that is gaining much support.

For these reasons and more, I strongly encourage you to oppose ranked choice voting.

Thank you.