

Dear Members of the Working Group,

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to share my thoughts on Ranked Choice Voting (RCV). I am optimistic about the positive change that RCV can bring to Connecticut's elections. RCV is a straightforward solution to one of the key flaws in our current system: the fact that candidates can win with a minority of votes. By letting voters rank their choices, RCV ensures that the winner is the candidate with the most widespread support, which makes for a more legitimate and representative election outcome.

What excites me most about RCV is its potential to change the tone of our elections. Instead of negative campaigning, where candidates attack one another to secure a narrow base of support, RCV encourages candidates to reach out to a wider audience. They'll need second and third-choice votes to win, which means they'll focus more on issues and finding common ground. This would be a refreshing change from the divisiveness we see so often today.

RCV also gives voters more freedom. No longer will they have to choose between voting for their favorite candidate and voting strategically. With RCV, they can rank their true preferences without worrying about wasting their vote.

I hope this Working Group will recommend RCV to the legislature. It's a win for democracy, a win for voters, and a win for more civil elections. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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