

Senator Osten, Senator Hwang and distinguished members of the Governor's Ranked Choice Voting Working Group:

My name is Donald Weigt, I am from Bloomfield, CT. I am a senior, USAF veteran, parent and grandparent, and a supporter of Voter Choice Connecticut.

I am testifying in favor of implementing ranked choice voting in Connecticut for state, local and federal elections.

We need more citizen involvement in our political processes, including higher voter turnout. I will support any measures that will increase voter participation or make voter input more valuable and representative. Ranked Choice Voting is one of those measures. It allows voters to provide more nuanced input to the election process, not just to indicate their first choice.

Experts across the political spectrum tell us Ranked Choice Voting will improve the outcomes of our elections, and even the range and quality of the candidates. Where Ranked Choice Voting has been adopted, it has been found easy to use, and voters like it. I believe it's a winning change we should make.

There may be state constitutional barriers to adopting Ranked Choice Voting for state and federal offices, so I encourage you to pursue legislation that will allow the use of Ranked Choice Voting for all elections in Connecticut, in addition to proposing legislation to implement Ranked Choice Voting for party primaries and municipal elections.

Sincerely,

Donald Weigt

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