

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

My name is Franci Knight, I am from Harwinton. I have been a small business owner for 27 years and I am a supporter of Voter Choice CT.

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

Elections today deprive voters of meaningful choices, feature increasingly toxic campaigning and advance candidates who lack broad support. When candidates win without a majority, voters feel like their voices aren't being heard. Ranked Choice Voting is an election reform that gives voters more choice and produces winning candidates who better represent the will of the majority, the foundation of our democracy.

Over the past few years, Connecticut has made significant progress towards strengthening our freedom to vote, especially by making it easier to vote. But strengthening our democracy requires more; it requires that winning candidates better reflect the will of the people. That is what Ranked Choice Voting delivers.

Ranked Choice Voting doesn't favor one party over the other, it favors voters by giving them more choice and ensuring that the winner best represents the electorate.

I recognize that there may be state constitutional barriers to adopting RCV for state and federal offices, but in addition to proposing legislation to implement RCV for party primaries and municipal elections, I encourage you to pursue legislation that would allow the use of RCV for **ALL elections**. Allow CT to lead the country to more effective elections.

Sincerely,

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