

My name is Jenn Searls. I am a West Hartford resident and I write today to support the introduction of a legislative proposal to create a system that enables municipalities and political parties in Connecticut with the ability to use ranked choice voting in caucuses, conventions, primaries, and certain municipal elections.

I have either attended or watched recordings of all of the commissions meetings and reviewed the documents provided by experts.

Now, more than ever, it's so critical that we allow all voices to be heard in our electoral process. Our current binary system shuts out so many constituents and doesn't allow for their voices to be represented. Because of our system of "just select one," we deprive voters from having meaningful choices, we foster negative and toxic campaigning, we end up with candidates that, in fact, do NOT have broad support, and leave voters increasingly disenfranchised.

I urge the commission to put forth a legislative proposal that truly will enable "we, the people" to have our views and voices represented.

Respectfully,

Jenn Searls