

Testimony in Favor of Ranked Choice Voting

I support Ranked Choice Voting for Connecticut. I am here today because I am not happy with what I am hearing and seeing in our political arena. The exaggerated polarity, lack of civil discourse, and disrespectful communication is preventing us from taking forward steps that we all know are needed.

When candidates can no longer be elected without earning a majority, it will become advantageous for them to be respectful to the others in the race in order to assure that some voters will list them as a second choice. Candidates at opposite ends of the spectrum will try to find some common ground with moderate candidates in order to attract enough second choice votes to gain the majority required to win. This will completely change the dynamic of our political system for the better. Our democracy will work more effectively and be more inclusive when we begin using Ranked Choice Voting.

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