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To: House State Government and Elections Committee
Subject: Please support H-2575 and H-2576

Dear Chairman Shanley:

I am a registered RI voter living in Pawtucket and I'm writing to urge you to support passage of H-2575 and H-2576 to enact ranked choice voting in our state for presidential and RI legislative primaries.

I believe both these bills will improve governance at the national and state level for several reasons. Firstly, ranked choice voting should allow more moderate candidates who appeal to a broad constituency to get elected instead of being marginalized by voters at either end of the spectrum. This, in turn, would help our government-and entire country-work together better instead of been by so divided. I also think ranked choice voting will be more equitable and encourage a wider range of candidates because lesser known candidates without big money behind them will have more of a chance under this system. Finally, I support ranked choice voting because it will likely increase voter engagement and turnout. Citizens will feel that their vote really matters, even if they support a candidate who isn't one of the 2 front runners, because in a ranked choice system, that candidate could still win.

I hope you will support making our elections more truly democratic by supporting both these bills.

Sincerely,
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