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Subject: Support - H-5275 and H-5276

Chairman Shanley,

My name is Jim Salomon. I am a resident of Providence, and I am writing to express my strong support of H-5275 and H-5276.

There are many reasons to support ranked choice voting as defined in these bills. Presidential and legislative primaries often have several candidates. I especially appreciate the ability to express a preference for a less popular candidate with less concern about “throwing away my vote”. Consensus voting for primary candidates makes good sense. It’s like having an instant runoff built into the polling, to select a most-preferred candidate. There are also positive effects on turnout and a reduced tendency toward negative or divisive campaigns. It’s in a candidate’s best interest to appeal to as broad a constituency as possible.

I appreciate your sponsoring these bills and hope the House State Government and Elections Committee will advance H-5275 and H-5276.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best Regards,

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