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**From:** Joseph Schwab <schwabjh@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 23, 2025 3:37 PM  
**To:** House State Government and Elections Committee  
**Subject:** Writing in support of ranked-choice voting

I am writing in support of House Bill Nos. 5275, 5276, and 5712.

Ranked-choice and fusion voting would allow our election results to more closely match the will of the people.

As a Providence resident, ALL of my Rhode Island elected officials (i.e., governor, mayor, state senator, and state representative) did not receive the majority of the votes to initially win their seats. Therefore, they are not truly representative of the majority of their voters. Ranked-choice voting would help with this problem. It also allows for more diverse perspectives to be represented on the ballot, and it would encourage candidates to find common ground and compromise. I see no downsides to ranked-choice voting. Please support the will of your voters by passing these bills and making ranked-choice voting a reality in Rhode Island.

Sincerely,  
Joseph Schwab