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From: Mike Maieli <mmaieli@gmail.com>
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To: House State Government and Elections Committee
Subject: Support for H-5275 and H-5276

Dear Chairman Shanley,

My name is Michael Maieli, and I am a resident of East Greenwich. I am writing to express my strong support of H-5275 and H-5276.

I support H-5275 and H-5276 because ranked choice voting (RCV) gives voters more choice in the election process and results in elected officials who better reflect the issues most important to constituents, rather than being determined by the number of competing candidates with similar priorities. RCV eliminates the barriers that arise when multiple candidates with shared platforms run, preventing vote-splitting that can lead to outcomes that do not reflect the majority's preference. For example, as someone who tends to support candidates who advocate for expanding social safety nets, such as Medicare for All and housing reform, I've seen how multiple candidates with these priorities can divide votes, allowing another candidate (who may not support those issues) to win even when the majority supports these policies. RCV ensures that elections more accurately reflect the will of the voters.

I hope the House State Government and Elections Committee will advance H-5275 and H-5276.

Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Michael Maieli

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