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Madam Chair and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill 63.

My name is Lora Current and I'm the Ohio State Director for Heritage Action for America, a national grassroots organization with two million conservative activists nationwide including thousands of Ohioans.

Heritage Action supports Senate bill 63, which would ensure that Ohio's elections are free from Ranked-Choice Voting.

There are three principles that we believe should be true of Ohio's elections:

1. It should be easy to vote and hard to cheat.
2. Every Ohioan should have confidence in the security and integrity of our election system.
3. Voters should be able to cast their vote for the one candidate they want to represent them in a particular office. One person, one vote.

Ranked-Choice Voting fails on all three of these points. It is a confusing scheme that is prone to errors, disenfranchises voters, and allows marginal candidates not supported by a majority of voters to be elected.

One example that highlights the issues with Ranked-Choice Voting was in a 2022 school board race in California. Because of the overly complicated tabulation process in a Ranked-Choice Voting election, the wrong candidate was certified as the winner and this tabulation issue was discovered two months after the election.

Madam Chair and Members of the Committee, our nation was built on the consent of the governed. When people believe that elections produce clear results between known opposing ideas, people learn to live with the results even if they do not like the outcome.

RCV is about political power, not about what is best for Ohio. The bill before you protects Ohio voters from confusion, chaos, and disenfranchisement.

11 states have already ban RCV from their elections...Ohio should be next

Heritage Action urges you to ban Ranked-Choice Voting by favorably passing SB 63.

Thank You.