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WRITTEN OPPONENT TESTIMONY OF RED TOWNSEND
Constituent of Ohio Senate District 21

Hearing on Senate Bill No. 63, "Generally Prohibit the Use of
Ranked Choice Voting"

Honorable Senators:

I write today asking you to DEFEAT Senate Bill No. 63, "Generally
Prohibit the Use of Ranked Choice Voting."

I, like many voters, have lost confidence in the two-party system
where the race can be "thrown" by introducing a spoiler
candidate.

Ranked Choice Voting has many advantages and gives each voter the
freedom to vote for their true first choice without fear that
such a vote will help the candidate they like least.

Ranked Choice Voting gives candidates the freedom to run for
office without fear of being labeled a "spoiler" for a stronger
candidate from the same part of the political spectrum.

Ranked Choice Voting has attracted more candidates to run for
office.

Ranked Choice Voting has attracted voters who feel voting does
not give them a voice.

In the 2020 Maine elections (which used ranked choice voting) 90%
of voters reported their first experience with RCV as “excellent”
or “good”.

Thank you for your consideration.

Red Townsend