

To the honorable Senators,

I am writing to STRONGLY OPPOSE SB63.

First, rank choice voting [RCV] is shown to be easy to use and increase voter participation. After RCV was implemented in Virginia and Utah, over 80% of voters found it easy to use. Do commentators who say it is “too confusing” think that the people of Ohio are less intelligent than the citizens of Virginia and Utah?

Second, this bill appears to be unconstitutional. As the bill points out, we have a home rule clause in the Ohio constitution. In 1923, the Ohio Supreme Court ruled that municipalities have a right to use RCV. So, how can the state legislature punish municipalities for exercising their legal rights?

Again, I request that you vote NO on SB63.

Thank you for your time.

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