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WRITTEN OPPONENT TESTIMONY OF ALEX SZYMBORSKI

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

Chairwoman Roegner, Vice Chair Gavarone, Ranking Member Blackshear and members of the Senate General Government Committee:

The benefits of ranked choice voting (RCV) are well-known at this point. There have been numerous studies on its effectiveness (<https://effectivegov.uchicago.edu/primers/ranked-choice-voting>), and we have empirical evidence from it already having been implemented in multiple states including Maine and Alaska, and at the sub-state level in over 40 cities. RCV gives voters more choice and results in more civil and less polarized campaigning and competition. It has other merits, but even if it didn't it is worth considering based on these two benefits alone. Because of this, I am staunchly against Senate Bill 63.

Thank you,

Alex Szymborski