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Hello,

The RI Constitution states that the general assembly shall pass statutes "for the prevention of abuse, corruption and fraud in voting". How is ranked choice voting better for election integrity? You will literally change election day to election month. And as the election is "open" for a longer period of time, so is the window for fraud and corruption to occur.

Why in the world would you want a system that a human cannot tally the votes, and cannot do a proper audit? Have you actually asked any election experts in the state if they want Ranked Choice voting? The administration costs of running an election would be greatly increased. If you're looking to build public trust in our election system (and transparency), this is the opposite of that.

In fact, who is asking for Ranked Choice voting? I highly doubt that there's a huge number of RI citizens clamoring for ranked choice voting!! - try listening to the people for once.

Ranked choice voting is also very complicated and ripe for failure. It's not simple. It's not easy to understand. Do you think the elderly, disabled, or illiterate will grasp the concept and successfully cast their votes as intended?

As a legislator, for every election related bill, you have to ask yourself how the bill affects election integrity. If the bill adversely affects election integrity, you are bound by the RI constitution to vote against it (if your oath means anything). It's clear that this bill is antithetical to election integrity.

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