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Testimony on behalf of: House Bill No. 7788: AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- PRIMARIES FOR ELECTION OF DELEGATES TO NATIONAL CONVENTIONS AND FOR PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE (Establishes the Ranked Choice Voting for Rhode Island Presidential Primaries and provides for new sections on ranked choice voting tabulation and results reporting.)

Why I support this bill:

Hi, my name is Emily Zall and I am a homeowner and voter in Cranston.

I am in favor of Ranked Choice Voting because it allows voting based on who we truly think would be the best candidate without having to worry about "wasting" a vote. It can also encourage more candidates to run because it reduces worries about "taking away votes" from another candidate and thus "giving" the election to a candidate they are opposed to. Ranked Choice voting better represents the will of the voters and that is the core of democracy.

I previously lived in Cambridge, MA and Somerville, MA and was glad to be able to use ranked choice voting there. I volunteered on the MA Ranked choice voting ballot measure when I lived there and was disappointed that it did not pass.

Please support H-7788 (RCV in Presidential Primaries starting 2028) and H-7981 (RCV in municipal elections).