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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:

Members of the House Committee on state government and elections,

I am in favor of H 7788 and H 7981. I am a former member of the Green Party and the Green Party has used Ranked Choice Voting for elections of officers and nominating candidates for many years. There process for using RCV and tabulating RCV has been simple and never confusing for voters. Voters get the candidates they want with one ballot, eliminating the need for runoff elections and it reduces infighting and polarization. In states and municipalities that have adopted RCV the results are the same. The voters elect the officials they want, there is no need for runoff elections, and polarization is reduced. I strong support Ranked Choice Voting and believe that it would be good for the state of Rhode Island. Please support H 7788 and 7981.

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