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Testimony on H-7380 (Prohibits the use of ranked choice voting).

*Position:* **oppose**

I am writing to voice my opposition to H-7380, which would preemptively ban ranked choice voting (RCV) across all elections in Rhode Island. No municipality in our state currently uses RCV, so this bill is solely about taking away the future ability of local communities to decide for themselves how their own elections should work. Rhode Island has a long tradition of local self-governance, and our cities and towns should have the freedom to explore and adopt the voting methods that their residents feel best represent their preferences.

Instead of closing the door on democratic innovation before it even begins, we should be preserving the right of Rhode Islanders to choose the electoral systems that work best for their communities. I urge you to oppose H-7380.

Thank you for your time and work representing Rhode Islanders.

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