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Testimony in OPPOSITION to H-7380: Prohibits the use of ranked choice voting in all local, state and federal public office elections.

Why I OPPOSE this bill:

I have been a RI resident, and voter, for 45 years. I believe Ranked Choice Voting is essential to elect better candidates to all positions. Without it, people tend to vote for "the lesser of two evils" (i.e. the Democratic or Republican candidates only), because they understand that voting for a third-party candidate most often results in helping the candidate you LEAST prefer to win the election. Therefore many great candidates don't really have a chance to be elected. With RCV, the voter can vote for their truly preferred candidate, without fearing that that are wasting their vote and actually helping their least-preferred candidate win. I strongly oppose the effort to ban RCV and ask the Committee to PLEASE bring the RCV bills to the floor - it is so important, especially in today's political scene, with so much dark money coming into campaigns.