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I am writing to offer my resounding support for HJR 66 as I am extremely opposed to ranked choice voting (RCV). I think RCV is counter to how our elections are supposed to work and only serves to encourage voter manipulation which, naturally, reduces voter confidence in our elections. RCV is incredibly confusing and, quite frankly, non-sensical. I believe this is intentional. Most important to me, is that RCV almost guarantees the election "winner" does not have support from the majority of voters. It is beyond my comprehension why you would have to vote for a candidate to whom you are actually opposed. RCV, in my mind, disenfranchises the voters which is reason enough to ensure it does not take root in Missouri. Again, I am strongly in favor of HJR 66 and encourage it's passing.



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I am fully in support of making rank choice voting unconstitutional. To accept such a thing would be to go against everything our forefathers stood for and our constitution was created for. Not to mention it would be unbelievably unfair across the board.



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Please protect the integrity of our elections in Missouri! Please protect the one-person-one-vote standard and prevent the efforts of dark money-funded groups like Article IV and Better Elections MO from implementing Rank Choice Voting in Missouri.



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Our elections are in disarray in many states. It has been comforting to know Missouri has not followed the chaotic course of so many states with chaotic voting laws. Rank Choice Voting will take a secure system and throw it into chaos like other states are facing. Missourians know what they want; free and fair elections. Do not try to fix what is not broken! No to rank voting!



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One of the best things about this country is our right to vote. Those of us that do vote, do so legally as citizens of the country, there should be no votes coming from people who do not follow the proper procedures to become citizens of the United States. Additionally, we need machines that are certified and cannot be tampered with as well as honest ballot counters to ensure that our elections and votes go where they are intended.



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We need fair and legal elections throughout our country. This is why I support the HJR 66 - Baker bill to help stop ranked-choice voting from being implemented. Thank you. Gregg & Tana Peckham



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Only those who are bona-fide citizens of this nation should be authorized to vote in any election of its leaders. This bill would help to prevent unauthorized voting by non-citizens and 'dead' people. I urge its passing.



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Protect our election. Ranked choice is a completely unfair system



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Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony. My name is Jason Snead, and I am in the executive director of the Honest Elections Project, a nonpartisan and nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting the right of every American to vote in free and honest elections. I provide this testimony today in my personal capacity and am not advocating for or against this measure. This statement will focus on two provisions of HJR 66: banning the implementation of ranked-choice voting (RCV) and prohibiting noncitizens from voting in elections in the state of Missouri. Both are effective policies aimed at bolstering public confidence in elections, encouraging citizen engagement and participation, and protecting the transparency and integrity of elections. RCV is a novel election system currently in use in just two states and approximately 60 other local and county governments. It is fundamentally different than an ordinary election, in which voters are asked to pick one candidate in each race. With RCV, voters are told to learn about and rank multiple candidates in every race. If no candidate in a particular race wins an outright majority of first-place votes, tabulators eliminate the candidate with the fewest first-place votes and redistribute his or her votes according to each ballot's next-ranked candidate. This process of elimination proceeds until a candidate secures 50 percent of the remaining vote. That is the signature promise of RCV: to deliver candidates that win majority support in their communities. That is simply not the case. RCV elections cannot deliver true majority support, for two main reasons. First, there is no way to guarantee that voters will rank all the candidates in a race, or at least enough to ensure their ballot survives until the final round of elimination. Even proponents of RCV acknowledge that nearly one-third of voters only rank a single candidate in RCV races, meaning a sizeable number of ballots may be "exhausted" before a single candidate secures a majority. RCV attempts to solve this by eliminating "exhausted" ballots from the vote totals. That is, with each round of elimination, the number of voters in an election shrinks. For example, in New York City's last mayoral race, Eric Adams claimed a 50.4 percent majority. But over 140,000 ballots had been eliminated. If they are added back in, Adams' support falls to 42.9 percent. This frequently happens. Mary Peltola claimed victory in Alaska's 2022 special election with 51.5 percent, but actually won just 48.4 percent of the total vote when "exhausted" ballots are added back in. RCV's claimed majority is simply a mathematical mirage. The second reason RCV cannot deliver a majority is because it treats every ranking the same: as a vote for a candidate. Yet many voters may feel compelled to rank every candidate in order to avoid elimination, and treat a fourth or fifth place ranking as a signal of opposition. Yet, if the first three choices are eliminated, RCV would treat that as a vote for the candidate. RCV simply cannot say whether a voter truly supports every candidate he ranks. There are many issues with RCV: it makes voting more difficult, especially for vulnerable voters—seniors, minorities, low-income, and non-English speakers. The added complexity of a ranked-choice ballot creates new opportunities for voter mistakes that could lead to ballots being rejected. Voting itself

takes longer, risking longer lines at polling places and greater costs associated with printing (and mailing) lengthier ballots. Even RCV proponents tacitly acknowledge its burdens by backing expensive public education campaigns in jurisdictions that adopt RCV. New York City, for example, spent \$15 million to educate its voters. And there are other costs, as well, including the potential need for new equipment, training of staff, and more. RCV increases the strain on election officials, as well. The added complexity of RCV even makes it possible for tabulation errors to be made that go undetected. This recently happened in Oakland, California, and the mistake changed the results of a local school board election. Worse, it was not detected for nearly two months, and even then only by an outside group of RCV experts. Results had already been certified, forcing the true winner of the race to file a lawsuit. That contest required four months to conclude. Often, jurisdictions that adopt RCV wind up repealing it. Aspen, Colorado utilized RCV for just one election before its citizenry overwhelmingly voted to end it. An ongoing pilot program in Utah has faced growing backlash from localities that report it is difficult to implement, expensive, and confusing. In Alaska, which began using RCV in 2022, a citizen initiative to repeal it has begun. Other jurisdictions have rejected RCV outright, such as Massachusetts. And here in Missouri, an RCV ballot measure last year failed even to gather enough signatures to be placed on the ballot. State legislatures have the authority to ban localities from using RCV in local races, and there are strong reasons for doing so. States have an interest in ensuring consistency and uniformity of election laws within each state, to ensure that elections are efficiently run and that all voters have equal access to the ballot. Even if no jurisdictions currently use RCV, a preemptive ban avoids the issue altogether. RCV is an unnecessary and unwise election reform that makes voting harder and makes elections more complex, all while failing to deliver on its signature promise of majoritarian elections. Enfranchising noncitizens is another trend across the country. New York City and Washington, D.C. both permit noncitizen and illegal alien voting within their jurisdictions (New York's law is currently enjoined in court). Numerous other jurisdictions have implemented noncitizen voting for local races, and others are considering it. Noncitizen voting is as unwise as RCV. Critics point out that it dilutes the weight of citizens' votes and cheapens the meaning of citizenship itself. It also reduces incentives for legal immigrants to complete the process of becoming full-fledged Americans. It is also impossible to avoid noting that many local governments which pursue noncitizen voting do so openly with the aim of skewing local politics. In Washington, D.C., the Washington Post editorial staff rebuked the City Council for its "radical" plan to enfranchise noncitizens as a means of pushing District politics to the left. Indeed, a government reshaping the electorate for political gain has disturbing ramifications. After all, in a democracy the people are supposed to choose the government. By enfranchising noncitizens, the government is trying to choose its people. Banning noncitizen voting is extraordinarily popular. National polling shows that fewer than 10 percent of Americans believe noncitizens should have the vote. In 2022, Ohio and Louisiana both adopted constitutional prohibitions on noncitizen voting with more than 70 percent public support. In conclusion, both banning RCV and noncitizen voting are widely recognized as election integrity best practices. They preserve the transparency and accountability of elections, and bolster public confidence in democracy. They have the added benefit of being popular, as well. I hope this testimony is helpful as the committee considers this measure.



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Our voting here is excellent and we do not want change Jean Colona



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Our elections have become somewhat fraudulent at times and we need to take steps to insure voting integrity, make things more transparent.



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We need to insure that Missouri's elections are protected from liberal agendas and election fraud. HJR 66 will help do that.



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I support HJR 66. It is a common-sense fix to prohibit the possibility of ranked choice voting becoming the law in Missouri. One person. Once Vote.



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Stop ranked choice voting. I support Senator Bakers bill



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The right to vote and the right to have that vote counted are essential to election integrity. Missouri residents must have confidence in the electoral systems, processes, and results. HJR 66 protects the integrity of our elections, and we urge the Senate to support this important legislation and immediately bring this to the floor for a vote.



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Congressman Baker has drafted an excellent bill in my view. It is short concise and addresses some problems that are currently an issue and some evil ones on the immediate horizon. 1. Our current national administration is hell bent to overflow our country with illegal aliens that contain drugs smugglers, terrorists, killers, gang members, cartel members, human traffickers and all kinds of evil people among those who just want to enter our country for the free medical care, free housing, and free food programs, with a few that want to work. There are other states that are letting these illegal aliens vote in local elections and moving to let them vote in all elections. **AN OBVIOUS ASSAULT ON OUR SOVEREIGNTY.** Congressman Baker's bill avoids this with the substitution of one word. 2. There is a movement on to destroy the integrity of our elections with what is known ad Ranked Choice Elections. An obvious way of **REALLY DISENFRANCHISING HONEST VOTERS.** I believe the Congressman's wording of this bill will protect the integrity of Missouri voters by disallowing this method of voting. R. Ray Schell, Rex Precinct committee man Jasper, County Missouri



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Please keep our elections safe and fair by supporting HJR 66. Please oppose rank voting or any other change to the way we've done elections in Missouri for the past 20 years.



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My name is Spencer Bone and I'm the Executive Director of Liberty Alliance USA. Liberty Alliance USA has recently joined the Stop RCV Coalition. Some of its members include: Honest Elections Project ? Save Our States ? Employment Policies Institute ? Heritage Action for America ? Association of Mature American Citizens (AMAC) Liberty Alliance exists to protect the values that make Missouri great, which is why I'm in support of HJR 66. It will protect the integrity of our elections by banning ranked-choice voting and other variations of election overhauls that go by different names. Ranked choice voting represents a radical change to our election system that would disenfranchise voters. As aggregated by the Protect My Ballot Coalition and the Honest Elections Project, here are some of the reasons why Ranked-Choice voting has no place in Missouri. The burden of proof is on proponents to show that we need this. And they have failed. RCV does not ensure candidates receive a majority of votes to win elections. A study by Maine Heritage Policy Center estimated that out of 96 ranked-choice voting elections across the country, only 38% produced a winner that actually gained a true majority, i.e. more than 50% of total votes cast. The rest of the winners received less than a true majority due to exhausted ballots. In the 2013 Minneapolis mayoral election, the winner Betsy Hodges only gained 48.95% of total votes cast after 33 rounds of tabulation among 35 total candidates. In one 2010 San Francisco district board of supervisors election, the ranked-choice winner received less than 25% of total votes. RCV does not increase voter turnout. A 2019 study of elections in more than 200 cities across the country showed that RCV elections had 3-5 percentage points lower turnout than non-RCV elections. A 2015 study of nearly 2 decades of San Francisco election data found turnout in RCV elections decreased among African American and white voters. A later study finds that ranked-choice voting does not decrease racially polarized voting. A follow-up study in San Francisco regarding odd-year elections found RCV decreases voter turnout by 8 percentage points compared to non-RCV elections. RCV does not necessarily simplify elections and reduce costs. Ranked-Choice voting requires more complex tabulation processes. Ranked-Choice Voting requires centralized vote tabulation instead of decentralized counting in local jurisdictions used in the current system – a change that would require transportation of ballots and voting data to a centralized location instead of having counting mechanisms at the local district/precinct level. Ranked-Choice Voting requires new tabulation software to calculate vote totals and eliminate candidates statistically unlikely to receive enough votes to proceed in the election. When ranked-choice voting was enacted in Maine, the Secretary of State requested \$761,000 in 2017-2018 and \$641,000 in 2018-2019 for upgrades to voting equipment to accommodate the change. Ranked Choice voting causes **COMPLICATIONS AND DELAYS** Ranked choice voting risks complications and delays in elections, as we have already seen in examples across the country. RCV makes voting more complicated, increasing the risk that a voter will make an error that causes their ballot to be rejected. ? This is especially problematic when voting by

mail, since mistakes that are easily caught and corrected at a polling place cannot be detected until tabulation and are often incurable. RCV also makes tabulating more complex. ? For Alaska's first RCV election, the Division of Elections opted to withhold preliminary round-by-round tallies during the 15 day post-election ballot return window, citing concerns about confusing the public. ? The results of the June 22, 2021 Democratic primary for New York City mayor were not known until July 6, a delay of 14 days driven by widespread absentee voting and the need to run multiple rounds of RCV tabulation. The race was also thrown into "chaos" after 135,000 test ballots were mistakenly counted. Ranked choice voting is a scheme to disconnect elections from issues and allow candidates with marginal support from voters to win. It obscures true debates and issue-driven dialogue among candidates and eliminates genuine binary choices between two top-tier candidates. It also disenfranchises voters, because ballots that do not include the two ultimate finalists are cast aside to manufacture a faux majority for the winner.



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HJR 66 is constitutionally sound and allows a voice for all parties. We need fair and transparent elections. This bill enables fair and transparent elections



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Rank Choice Voting creates ballot exhaustion. Rank Choice Voting takes away a voter's one-person-one-vote and instead forces them to rank all candidates from favorite to least favorite. If no candidate gets more than 50% of votes based on voters' first choice, an "instant runoff" takes place. This forces voters to strategize through hypothetical third, fourth, or fifth rounds of elimination rather than focusing on their first choice among top candidates. The right to vote and the right to have that vote counted are essential to election integrity. Missouri residents must have confidence in the electoral systems, processes, and results. HJR 66 protects the integrity of our elections, and I urge you to support this important legislation and immediately bring this to the floor for a vote.



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We already have this in law and Paper Ballots are already in practice. Why Recreate the Wheel?



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I think ranked choice voting would eliminate extreme positions on both sides and allow for more moderate candidates to have a chance which better represents the average Missouri citizens.



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I believe Ranked Choice voting is confusing, unconstitutional and a power grab for those seeking power. Please vote against this monstrosity!



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HJR 66 would enact a constitutional provision that would require the plurality winner of a political party primary to be the single candidate in a general election. Adding this to the Missouri Constitution would prevent any other possible election method from ever being possible by local or state government. Other possible methods could open the field to more competitive races, more candidates, and ultimately determine the candidate with the strongest support. It also could encourage more civil campaigning which, we believe, is something all citizens would appreciate. Alternative methods of voting are a relatively new concept in the U.S. To have a constitutional prohibition that would eliminate them from even any future consideration is short-sighted. Leaving options available for review, discussion and consideration is the way a democracy functions best. The League position on this issue supports enabling legislation to allow local jurisdictions to explore alternative electoral methods, as well as supporting state election laws allowing for more options at both the state and local levels. Although the bill provides that voting machines be tested and certified in accordance with federal standards prior to each election, it also allows for the possibility that the General Assembly might prohibit the use of any voting machine. The alternative to voting machines is hand counting. National studies show that hand-counting of paper ballots is significantly slower and more error prone than machine counting. This would not only delay the counting, but there would have to be a substantial additional cost to local jurisdictions to pay people to count the ballots. Although hand-counts are an important tool in post-election audits, where officials count small samples to verify machine-tallied results, counting entirely by hand is impractical anywhere larger than the smallest jurisdictions. Changing the wording of the Missouri Constitution in regard to who is eligible to vote from "All citizens" to "Only citizens" is unnecessary and misleading in the ballot language. The League of Women Voters of Missouri goes on record in opposition to HJR66.



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I object to the "only" language because of legal ramifications of applying conditions and hoops to participation. We already have conditions in place for those who are guilty of felony voting violations. While hand marked paper ballots are quicker than machines, we have voters, especially those with handicaps, who cannot cast a private ballot without using a machine so we must have those available. Ideally they would mark the ballot and the ballot would be scanned after the voter verifies it has been completed to their satisfaction. This bill eliminates weighted voting but it also eliminates contests where we may legally choose more than one candidate, school board elections, for example. And we have non partisan primaries in our state. This bill is poorly written and removes local control of cities and counties for their elections. This is a very anti-democracy bill.



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Ranked choice voting hands the vote to weaker candidates. The voter has no control over the power of his vote. RCV encourages voters to line up candidates they may not be informed about. It's a lottery system that's doesn't belong in our country.



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I have participated in the hand-counting of paper ballots for a single precinct. It took half a day with six people counting. It is significantly slower and more error prone than machine counting, and would increase costs and delay results reporting. Humans, unlike tabulation machines, are “notoriously poor at completing rote, repetitive tasks.” Few jurisdictions with more than 1,000 voters currently count votes by hand. Missouri already requires that only citizens vote. This resolution is designed to fool voters into rejecting Ranked Choice Voting.