Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony. My name is Dr. Joel Schroeder, and I urge you not to pass this ban on ranked-choice voting (RCV). We are not asking you to enact RCV—only to keep the option open for the future.

Opposition to RCV is based on misunderstandings. In reality, RCV ensures majority support, prevents vote-splitting, and encourages positive campaigning. It has been successfully used in conservative states like Utah and Virginia, and in Kansas, where recent governors have won with less than 50% of the vote, RCV could help ensure broader voter representation.

Voters who use RCV overwhelmingly support it. In Alaska, 85% found it simple; in New York City, 95% did. The argument that RCV is "too confusing" does not hold up against real-world evidence.

Finally, RCV is already not allowed in Kansas without legislative action. This ban is unnecessary government overreach. Rather than permanently eliminating an option that could benefit Kansans, I urge the committee to reject this bill.

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