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February 22, 2024

Representative Melissa Hortman
Speaker of the House

Senator Erin Murphy
Senate Majority Leader

Dear Speaker Hortman and Majority Leader Murphy,

On behalf of the 75,000 active and retired Members of the Teamsters Joint Council 32, we write to encourage all members of the legislature to support SF3868/HF3276, a bill that would improve our democracy by allowing local units of government to opt in to ranked choice voting. We applaud Senator Morrison and Representative Frazier for carrying this bill and look forward to it becoming law.

The Teamsters believe allowing voters to rank their choices is good for democracy and allows candidates to lead with ideas rather than political party. We strongly believe that allowing local units of government to use ranked choice voting makes perfect sense, will allow for better discussions of local issues, benefit local candidates who are able to build bridges, and will continue to build proof of concept for statewide ranked choice adoption.

We encourage a "yes" vote on this bill to allow local units of government to choose ranked choice voting for their local elections.

Sincerely,

Hannah Alstead
Political Director

Paul Slattery
DRIVE President

cc: Representative Cedrick Frazier
Senator Kelly Morrison
House Elections Chair Mike Freiberg
Senate Elections Chair Jim Carlson