



STATE OF MINNESOTA
Office of Minnesota Secretary of State
Steve Simon

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Local Government Division
State Office Building
100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Saint Paul, MN 55155

Re: House File 89

Dear members:

I am writing to you today to express my support for the portion of House File 89 giving local jurisdictions the authority to adopt ranked-choice voting for local elections; the same authority currently given to charter cities like Minneapolis, Saint Paul, and Rochester.

Minnesotans should have the power to decide how the needs of their communities are best met, particularly when it comes to how they choose the people who represent them. Every city in Minnesota should have the option to utilize this method of voting if their elected leaders or citizens decide that it is the most effective voting method for them. Statutory cities deserve the same authority charter cities have to decide for themselves if ranked-choice voting is right for their community.

More broadly, I believe it is important to continue to have discussions at the Legislature about how we can improve upon our election system to make it more accessible for Minnesotans in every part of our state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Simon".

Steve Simon
SECRETARY OF STATE