

Dear Mr. Strohmeier,

Kindly include my comments with the record for the Local Government Division meeting Wednesday morning.

Many thanks,

—JMH

Dear Committee Members,

Please vote and advance HF 89 (Ranked Choice Voting for MN) out of committee. The advantages of ranked choice are many, and provide a tool to improve governance in all jurisdictions that choose to use this tool.

I know I share many Minnesotans' frustration with rancor and hyperpartisanship that seems to be worsening with each election cycle. Ranked choice voting tends to temper rhetoric, encourage moderation, and rewards candidates who can appeal to a broader section of the electorate. Voters appreciate their ability to shape their choices among several candidates. This creates more voter engagement, more participation, and, where ranked choice is used, greater voter satisfaction.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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