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Senator Stevens,

I have voted in Alaska for many years, but never with such frustration and irritation as I experience under this new so called "ranked-choice voting" system. I, in fact, had my ballot "spoiled" twice this past fall before I got it "right." I felt I was being forced to lie on a Procrustean Bed prepared for Alaskans by out-of-state interests in collusion with a nepotistically appointed senator. I needed to strategize and select candidates for political office much like I might select flavors of ice cream at a Baskin-Robins. Voting should not be a subjective flavor test.

In this method of voting, less becomes more and you don't the results for a couple of weeks. When I vote, I want to vote for a candidate that shares my values. I do not want to be forced to rank a candidate who's values I strongly object to for fear of "ballot exhaustion." Ranked choice voting manipulates and disenfranchises voters. It takes choice away from the voters and assigns it to a dubious algorithm to the benefit of those who have dreamed this scheme up.

There are two piece of legislation being proposed this session which will restore sanity and true choice to Alaska's voters, one is SB 2 from Senator Mike Shower and the other is HB1 from a group of representatives. I writing you to ask that you support these bills and allow them to advance. Please let me know your thoughts.

Regards,
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