

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2023 16:51  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** FW: HR4

.....Original Message-----

From: Wallace Mills <wmi1ls@mindspring.com>  
Sent: Friday, May 12, 2023 4:36 PM  
To: Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: HR 4

Dear Representative Vance:

I live in Halibut Cove and am now in your district. I am unclear from your statement on HR 4 as to why you believe it to be unconstitutional in some respect. I know you are not a constitutional lawyer and am wondering if you can refer me to some legal opinions that would clarify your thinking. I am a strong supporter of ranked choice voting, believe it was appropriately voted on and implemented in Alaska, and understand by all reports thus far that it has worked as expected, though some may not like the results. I understand from others who are lawyers (and I am one too) that there is no undermining of the 'one person, one vote' principle.

So, I wish you could focus on more relevant issues• the budget, maybe - instead of consuming time with repealing something that works well and fairly. And maybe, in your time **away** from Juneau, you could help figure out a way to re-surface Kachemak Drive. That would be a blessing.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Wallace W. (Chip) Mills  
PO Box 6453  
Halibut Cove, AK 99603  
(208) 720-2775 (cell)  
(907) 296-2240 (home)

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From: Elesheva Tiner  
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2023 16:50  
To: House Judiciary  
Subject: FW: Ranked Choice Voting

From: Carol Hazeltine <cbhazeltine@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2023 4:19 PM  
To: Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Ranked Choice Voting

Dear Representative Vance,

In the 44 years I have lived in Alaska, I finally feel the voting procedure is really representing the voice of the majority vote! I voted for ranked choice voting, and I would vote for it again. Do not allow this choice of voting to be repealed! We voted for it and it prevailed!

thank you, Carol Hazeltine

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Elesheva Tiner  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2023 16:41  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** FW: NO on HB 4

**From:** Joan Franz <joanbfranz@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2023 10:08 AM

To: Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>; Rep. Andi Story <Rep.Andi.Story@akleg.gov>; Rep. Mike Cronk <Rep.Mike.Cronk@akleg.gov>; Rep. Maxine Dibert <Rep.Maxine.Dibert@akleg.gov>; Sen. Click Bishop <Sen.Click.Bishop@akleg.gov>; Sen. Scott **Kawasaki** <Sen.Scott.Kawasaki@akleg.gov>; Rep. Ashley Carrick <Rep.Ashtey.Carrick@akleg.gov>; Rep. Jamie Allard <Rep.Jamie.Allard@akleg.gov>; Rep. Jennie Armstrong <RepJennie.Armstrong@akleg.gov>; Sen. Bill Wielechowski <Sen.Bill.Wietechowski@akleg.gov>

**Subject:** NO on HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I am a Fairbanks resident and I am representing myself.

I personally voted for the citizen's initiative and strongly support continuing with **Rank Choice Voting and Open Primaries**. I feel that the opportunity to vote for a candidate who I think will best serve Alaskans regardless of party is a significant step toward a healthier government for Alaskans. I ask you to oppose and/or table this insult to the voters of Alaska who clearly voted for and support this new voting system.

Immediately after **HB 4** was first reviewed, an additional meeting was held in private and only invited guests could attend. This kind of behavior does not allow Alaskans to hear the discussion regarding this bill. I consider this a lack of transparency to Alaskans and again tries to disregard our rights to hear pros and cons presented by legislators. Please explain your lack of transparency.

Instead please fast track SB 114 instead of disregarding the will of the people with **HB 4**. **We** need to close the Hilcorp loophole, eliminate tax credits and increase royalty taxes on all oil companies. This is your responsibility as legislators to do now with our suffering economy!

Do not take away our rights and decision to use **Rank Choice Voting**. This is a shameful partisan attack on voters. If you are part of this attack, I know who I will not support in the next election!

I ask you to respect the will of Alaskan voters who supported **Rank Choice Voting and Open Primaries** and do not vote to overturn this decision. It is insulting as well disrespectful of Alaskan voters.

**NO to HB 4 U**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this bill.

Sincerely,

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## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2023 16:35  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** FW: RCV

-----Original Message-----

From: Christine Godfrey <chrisszymoniak@icloud.com>  
Sent: Friday, May 12, 2023 6:33 AM  
To: Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: RCV

Hello Rep. Vance,

I voted for RCV.

I like RCV results. Not all the folks I ranked won. I can live with that.

Please show me the numbers of folks in our district who do not like RCV. You state repeatedly that your constituents do not like RCV. I would like to see the data. I can say anecdotally that all the people I talk with like RCV in Homer.

RCV was voted into law by AK citizens. It was a fair and square outcome.

Please stop opposing and voting against RCV. It makes you sound like a sore loser.

Respectively,

CHRISTINE GODFREY  
Super Voter

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**From:** dalepowell56@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Dale Powell <dalepowell56@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent** Monday, May 15, 2023 00:00  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Dale Powell  
13615 E Field Ln Palmer, AK 99645-9536  
dalepowell56@gmail.com

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**From:** goody2@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Stephen Goudreau <goody2@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent** Sunday, May 14, 2023 22:46  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact. Ranked choice voting has taken the power from the parties to control who we can vote for and given it to the people.

Please don't repeal rank choice voting.

Thanks

Sincerely,  
Stephen Goudreau  
PO Box 752 Valdez, AK 99686-0752  
goody2@gci.net

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**From:** minerscourt@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Tom Early  
<minerscourt@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 14, 2023 16:37  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

You should be addressing the impasse to approve the budget. We do not need dividend that is so large we cannot afford to fund education and other important issues.

Sincerely,  
Tom Early  
41263 Crested Crane St Homer, AK 99603-9492 minerscourt@yahoo.com



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**From:** haydenkaden@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Hayden Kaden  
<haydenkaden@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 14, 2023 11:58  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

As a 55 year Alaska resident, I'm writing in opposition to House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, I like most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting which showed broad public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources and ignore the will of the people. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Hayden Kaden  
78 Same Old Rd Gustavus, AK 99826  
haydenkaden@gmail.com

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**From:** yanert@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Stephen Jones  
<yanert@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 14, 2023 09:24  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Stephen Jones  
PO Box 10 Denali Park, AK 99755-0010  
yanert@mtaonline.org

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**From:** peterri@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Terri Manthey  
<peterri@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 13, 2023 21:01  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. This was clearly the will of the voters and for you to change it back would be anti-democratic and going against Alaskans and would probably be in for a court fight. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our **state** money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Terri Manthey  
12701 Schooner Dr Anchorage, AK 99515-3637 peterri@ak.net

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**From:** fkrause@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Fayette Krause  
<fkrause@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 13, 2023 10:53  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

I have been encouraged by ranked choice voting. It is a concept that is coming elsewhere, and it can't come too soon. Thank you for instituting ranked choice voting.

Again, I oppose HB 4.

Sincerely,  
Fayette Krause  
2315 Madrona St Port Townsend, WA 98368-2730 fkrause@olympus.net

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**From:** dcaposey@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Denise Caposey  
<dcaposey@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 13, 2023 10:24  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Denise Caposey  
PO Box 63 **Skagway**, AK 99840-0063  
dcaposey@gmail.com

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**From:** sfakbizz <sfakbizz@gmail.com>  
**Sent** Saturday, May 13, 2023 08:07  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** Keep ranked choice voting

I voted for and continue to support open primaries and ranked choice voting. For most of Alaska statehood, voters have been able to see all candidates on one ballot. It was not difficult, confusing or disenfranchising in any way.

As a senior citizen I am concerned at the erosion of support for strong democratic processes. Trying to overturn the election process supported by the majority of voters is shameful and inherently anti-American Deirdre Schwartz

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**From:** squirrel@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jeanette McBride  
<squirrel@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 13, 2023 08:02  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** 1 oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4. I support open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this system. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Jeanette McBride  
1715 Beach Dr Douglas, AK 99824-5242  
squirrel@toast2.net

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**From:** inuksugak@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Michael Wilson  
<inuksugak@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, May 13, 2023 07:36  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Michael Wilson  
5050 E Sams Cir Wasilla, AK 99654-4305  
inuksugak@gmail.com



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**From:** doug.woodby@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Douglas Woodby  
<doug.woodby@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent** Saturday, May 13, 2023 07:01  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Douglas Woodby  
3240 Nowell Ave Juneau, AK 99801-1934  
doug.woodby@gmail.com

Jake Almeida

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**From:** dougrbbns@aol.com  
**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2023 22:57  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject** HB4

Representatives,

I am opposed to HB 4, proposing the repeal of Ranked-Choice Voting in Alaska.

The excuses given for opposing RCV are ridiculous. The system is easy, not complicated. Complaints regarding "exhausted ballots" are answered very simply - candidates whose votes were on exhausted ballots **have lost the election**. Those candidates received fewer votes than another candidate or candidates. Just as in any election, **candidates with fewer votes lose the election**. If some voters choose not to rank their second or third-choice candidates, that's on them. They do not win any concessions if they fail to participate. It is as if they chose not to vote in a run off election.

Toxic partisanship is perhaps the greatest threat to the American nation. The voting reforms of Ballot Measure 2 in 2020, including the Top-4 Open Primary and Ranked-Choice voting, empower voters to choose more moderate candidates than those chosen by the political parties. Those who want to repeal this bill are on the side of toxic partisanship and oppose responsible government by the will of the people. I urge you to reject this bill.

Regards,  
Doug Robbins

**Jake Almeida**

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**From:** jodi.curry@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jodi Curry  
<jodi.curry@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2023 20:49  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

It is not okay to overturn the will of the people! I voted for rank choice and I expect my voice to be respected. I am more than appalled at this attempt to silence MY VOICE.

Sincerely,  
Jodi Curry  
4870 Canterbury Way Anchorage, AK 99503-7026 jodi.curry@gmail.com

**Jake Almeida**

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**From:** akdonnaj@gmail.com  
**Sent** Friday, May 12, 2023 20:37  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject** No to repeal of Rank choice voting

I realize this may be too late, but I have been traveling remote and just able to check my mail, et. To all members of this committee, the people voted to instate Ranked choice voting for primaries. I ,and many believe it to be a better system, so **give** it a chance. We can revisit it In future if problems develop

Sincerely,

Donna Jefferson  
199 Indian Rd  
Indian, AK. 99540  
907301207

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** marian.k.bruce@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Marian Bruce-Paris  
<marian.k.bruce@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2023 19:27  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. I am puzzled why you think that overturning something that was broadly supported by Alaskan voters in 2020 is a good use of your time or the state's resources. Surely you have better things to do with the time left in the legislative session than taking down a good workable system that voters supported. Please leave ranked-choice voting in place and spend your time working on the bigger issues facing our state.

Sincerely,

Marian Bruce-Paris

12921 Admiralty Pl Anchorage, AK 99515-3725 marian.k.bruce@gmail.com

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**From:** Carol Hazeltine <cbhazeltine@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2023 16:19  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** Ranked choice voting

Dear Judiciary committee....

In the 44 years I have lived in Alaska, I finally feel the voting procedure is really representing the voice of the majority vote! I voted for ranked choice voting, and I would vote for it **again**. Do not allow this choice of voting to be repealed! We voted for it and it prevailed!

thank you, Carol Hazeltine

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** judy petersen <skigranny@gmail.com>  
**Sent** Friday, May 12, 2023 16:16  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** HB4

1 definitely oppose HB4 & support ranked choice voting & open primaries. I found ranked choice voting easy to understand, & it gave voters a greater choice in voting. I really appreciated the absence of partisanship in the process. Please vote down HB4. Thank you.

Judy Petersen  
registered undeclared voter

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Karin Halpin <karinhalpin@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2023 15:06  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** HB4

I oppose HB4.

Karin Halpin  
4628 Grumman st  
Anchorage, AK. 99507

907.230.0012

Sent from my iPhone  
Please excuse brevity



**Jake Almeida**

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**From:** lisamoorehead907@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Elisabeth Moorehead <lisamoorehead907@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2023 15:05  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I love ranked choice voting!

I love that we voted it into existence: the VOTERS decided that we want to vote this way. It is your responsibility to respect us voters by respecting and upholding the voting method that we selected.

Our recent elections only validate the choice Alaskans made to vote this way: it was clear, it was easy, and it was fair. RCV opens our elections up to more possible candidates than when elections are tightly controlled by the two dominant parties. That is a good thing.

Please respect the voters' choice by upholding Ranked Choice Voting and defeating HB 4.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Elisabeth Moorehead

5515 Wild Mountain Dr Eagle River, AK 99577-9449 lisamoorehead907@gmail.com

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**From:** shaffer.kevin@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kevin Shaffer  
<shaffer.kevin@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2023 14:12  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

PS: As a long time long term AK voter, I appreciate some 'returns to old style AK voting' regulations this RCV brings, to an otherwise barren & partisan arena.

Sincerely,  
Kevin Shaffer  
PO Box 123 Moose **Pass**, AK 99631-0123  
shaffer.kevin@gmail.com

**Jake Almeida**

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**From:** marcinksok@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Marcin Ksok  
<marcinksok@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2023 13:20  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Marcin Ksok  
1836 Rosemary St Anchorage, AK 99508-3342 marcinksok@netscape.net

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**From:** Pat Madland <patmadland@hotmail.com>  
**Sent** Friday, May 12, 2023 13:16  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Cc:** Sen. Matt Claman  
**Subject:** HB4

Please vote no on house bill 4. We need moderates leaning both directions for a stable democracy. The extremists will tear our city/state/country apart if we allow them to.

Pat Madland  
38 year Anchorage resident.  
I always vote.

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Dalton, **Mark** <Mark.Dalton@hdrinc.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2023 13:06  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** HB4

Dear Chair Cronk and members of the House Judiciary Committee:

I'm writing in opposition to House Bill 4. I support open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, a majority of Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad-based public support for this system of voting. I strongly believe legislators should respect the will of the voters and not vote to overturn a citizens' initiative at the earliest opportunity. Ranked-choice voting clearly benefits all voters and allows active and more direct participation in our democratic process.

Please do not repeal ranked-choice voting.

There are many significantly more pressing issues facing Alaska right now that deserve your attention, such as passing a budget that does not in any way draw down our limited savings

Thank you for your time and your commitment.

Respectfully,

Mark Dalton  
District 16 - Anchorage

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** reardonscher@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kerry Reardon  
<reardonscher@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2023 12:51  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting . This was an initiative that the Alaskan voters passed. It therefore is not something the legislature should repeal based on the opinions of certain members. The Alaskan voters decided that this system provided a positive change to a two party controlled primary system. Let it stand.

Sincerely,  
Kerry Reardon  
8640 Leeper Cir Anchorage, AK 99504-4209 reardonscher@gci.net

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**From:** Matt Roorda <matthew\_roorda@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2023 12:49  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Cc:** Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Jamie Allard; Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. Andrew Gray; Rep. Cliff Groh; Sen. Cathy Giessel; Rep. Laddie Shaw  
**Subject** Opposition to HB4 (don't repeal RCV or open primaries)

Dear Chair Vance and Members of the House Judiciary Committee

My name is Matt Roorda and I am a resident of south Anchorage. I am writing to express **my opposition to House Bill 4**. Below are two reasons.

1. I supported and voted for the creation of ranked choice voting and open primaries in 2020. I believe that current elected officials should respect the will of the voters, and not vote to overturn a citizens' initiative at the earliest opportunity.
2. Another aspect to look at is this, our Rank Choice Voting system as a way to avoid unnecessary and costly run-off elections. Before RCV, when there was no candidate that received a majority of the votes, a run-off election was required at great time, effort, and expense. The RCV process avoids that. Think of the voter's second choice as the run-off election, only with immediate and free (no extra \$) results.

Of all the opinions I have on politics, this one for RCV is probably the strongest. I appreciate your time to hear and consider my thoughts.

Sincerely,

Matthew Roorda

15741 Stanwood Circle, Anchorage, AK 99516

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**From:** Matt Roorda <matthew\_roorda@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 25, 2023 4:42 PM  
**To:** House.State.Affairs@akleg.gov <House.State.Affairs@akleg.gov>  
**Cc:** Representative.Laddie.Shaw@akleg.gov <Representative.Laddie.Shaw@akleg.gov>; Representative.Stanley.Wright@akleg.gov <Representative.Stanley.Wright@akleg.gov>; Representative.Jamie.Allard@akleg.gov <Representative.Jamie.Allard@akleg.gov>; Representative.Jennie.Armstrong@akleg.gov <Representative.Jennie.Armstrong@akleg.gov>; Representative.Ben.Carpenter@akleg.gov <Representative.Ben.Carpenter@akleg.gov>; Representative.Craig.Johnson@akleg.gov <Representative.CraigJohnson@akleg.gov>; Representative.Andi.Story@akleg.gov <Representative.Andi.Story@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Opposition to HBI (don't repeal RCV or open primaries)

Dear Chair Shaw and Members of the House State Affairs Committee,

My name is Matt Roorda and I am a resident of south Anchorage. I am writing to express my opposition to House Bill 1.

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Kirsa Hughes-Skandijs <kirshark@gmail.com>  
**Sent** Friday, May 12, 2023 12:45  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Cc:** Rep. Jamie Allard; Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. Andrew Gray; Rep. Cliff Groh  
**Subject:** HB4 is anti-democratic overreach

I'm writing **against** House Bill 4, a bill that attempts to overturn a majority vote by the **state's** residents. This process is abhorrent. Its hard to see this as anything other than a partisan attempt at manipulating the democratic process.

Alaskans as a whole want open primaries and ranked choice voting. As someone who actually worked at the polls on both the primary and general election days, a few individual voters expressed their dislike of the new process - but they were quite capable of filling out their ballots and did so.

If a majority of Alaskans now feel otherwise, there is a ballot initiative in progress that they can use, just the same way the election process was updated in the first place. That is the only appropriate venue for change in my view. This bill should not be allowed to advance any further.

Kirsa Hughes-Skandijs  
**99801**



## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Matthew Sturm <snowhydroak@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2023 12:31  
**To:** House Judiciary; Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Jamie Allard; Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. Andrew Gray; Rep. Cliff Groh  
**Subject:** House Bill 4

Dear Legislators:

It really irks me that you are trying to repeal open primaries and ranked choice voting. Why? Well for one thing Alaskans already voted on this and made their will known...so this is just a small minority that doesn't like that answers that came last voting season. The second reason is that open primaries and rank choice voting clearly move the political center toward the middle, towards compromise and getting along and tolerance...while their repeal just tends to empower fringe and often radical groups. American society desperately needs balance, not more discord.

It seems to me the epitome of arrogance on the part of legislators to try this. You can say "well my constituents want this"...but of course, you hear only from the ones who are like-minded. Most of us have given up trying to talk to our legislators.

Anyway...really irks me when you guys want to ignore a vote of the people because it doesn't suit you.

Matthew Sturm  
Snow-Hydro  
693 Gold Vein Road  
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USA

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## Jake Almeida

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**From:** phyllisbrush@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Phyllis Darrah  
<phyllisbrush@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2023 12:28  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Phyllis Darrah  
913 Wood Way Fairbanks, AK 99709-4732  
phyllisbrush@gmail.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Holly & John Cooley <hollyjohn@gci.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2023 12:19  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Cc:** Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Jamie Allard; Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. Andrew Gray; Rep. Cliff Groh  
**Subject:** Opposition to HB 4

Dear Legislators:

I am strongly opposed to the repeal of rank choice voting. It was approved by the majority of voters in the election and functioned well during the 2022 election cycle. It is easy to use, straight forward and produces good results: you were all elected by that process. Please vote against HB4.

I have voted in almost every Alaskan election since 1964 and I find the current ranked choice voting method to have been the best experience in all of those elections.

Sincerely,  
John Cooley

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** cmniemi@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Christine **Niemi**  
<cmniemi@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2023 12:15  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

Dear House Members:

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4. As a nonpartisan person who always votes in our elections, I should have a voice in who the candidates are. It is wrong to keep the large number of nonpartisan & non-affiliated voters from choosing our candidates who will go on to represent us. In addition, voters should be the ones to select a second choice candidate if no candidate wins a majority. The winner of the election should represent all citizens, not just be put in place by a few of a certain political party.

Sincerely,

Christine Niemi  
616 Alta Court  
Douglas, AK 99824

Sincerely,  
Christine Niemi  
616 Alta Ct Douglas, AK 99824-5522  
cmniemi@gmail.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Don Darnell <itsimple@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2023 10:53  
**To:** House Judiciary; Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Jamie Allard; Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. David Eastman; Rep, Andrew Gray; Rep. Cliff Groh  
**Subject:** opposition

OK let it be known that I totally oppose house bill HB4. I'm totally satisfied with the way we are voting now. We voted for this so leave it alone.

Don Darnell

PO Box 6411, Halibut Cove Alaska, 99603

907-299-2048

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Mary Alice Blount <mablount51@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2023 10:49  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Cc:** Andrew.Gray@akleg.gov; Ben.Carpenter@akleg.gov; Cliff.Groh@akleg.gov;  
CraigJohnson@akleg.gov; David.Eastman@akleg.gov; Jamie.Allard@akleg.gov;  
Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov  
**Subject:** House Bill 4

I oppose HB 4. It was voted in at the will of the people and I don't think it should be changed. Saying that people don't understand it is also a weak argument. I feel some groups just weren't happy with the outcome. My household is politically diverse but we both support keeping rank choice voting and open primaries.

Thank you for your service and support

Mary Alice Blount  
Anchorage, Alaska

Mary Alice Blount

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Becky Carr <bcarr@alaskan.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2023 10:25  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject** Ranked Choice Voting

My name is Mrs. Becky Carr. I am a 35 year resident of Alaska. I ran a successful small business in Anchorage, raised two daughters here who attended our public schools, own a home and have voted in every election over the last 35 years that I've lived here.

I am in support of Ranked Choice Voting. I believe RCV is progressive and in step with the times. It is right and it is fair. Alaskans voted for it.

Thank you for your service for all Alaskans and for the values represented by our Democracy.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Becky Carr

Sent from my iPhone

**Jake Almeida**

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**From:** woodyfiber17@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Becky Long <woodyfiber17@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2023 10:08  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subjed:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I oppose HB 4 and fully support ranked choice voting.

Sincerely,  
Becky Long  
PO Box 1088 Talkeetna, AK 99676-1088  
woodyfiber17@gmait.com



## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Dave Nebert <nebert@gci.net>  
**Sent** Friday, May 12, 2023 09:29  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** Keep rank choice voting

House Judiciary committee members,

**Please keep the Rank Choice Voting option in place.** It was approved by voters and should be kept in place since it worked well. It resulted in more moderates being elected to office, which is a good thing for Alaska.

Thanks, Dave Nebert, Independent voter in Fairbanks.

**Jake Almeida**

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**From:** Janie Taylor <janiemariataylor@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2023 08:50  
**To:** House Judiciary; Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Jamie Allard; Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. Andrew Gray; Rep. Cliff Groh  
**Cc:** Rep. Alyse Galvin  
**Subject:** **HB4**

Dear House Committee Members,

I am writing in **opposition to HB4** to repeal open primaries and ranked choice voting.

I voted for Ballot Measure 2 and I still support ranked choice voting.

I found ranked choice voting easy and lets me vote for all of the candidates I support in order of my preference. We the people voted for ranked choice voting and we are still in the majority supporting ranked choice. Respect the will of the voters!

The open primary works!

Please vote no on HB4.

Respectfully,

Janie Taylor

2300 Jefferson Ave, Anchorage, AK 99577

907-248-7887

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** lelaryterski@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Lilly Ryterski  
<lelaryterski@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2023 08:50  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,

Lilly Ryterski

55390 E End Rd Homer, AK 99603-9509

lelaryterski@gmail.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Susan McHenry <susanimchenry@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2023 08:15  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject** Oppose HB4

Ranked choice voting along with open primaries was a very positive innovation and fits well with Alaskan independent way of thinking. Please hold steady to maintain this system. It is NOT complicated and voters have way more choice as they cast ballots. It also eliminates the need for run off elections.

Sue McHenry

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 11:54  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** FW: House Bill 4

-----Original Message-----

From: Molly & Dave Brann <homerbrann@gmail.com>  
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2023 1:35 PM  
To: Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: House Bill 4

Representative Vance,

I do not support House Bill 4 - to repeal open primaries and rank choice voting. I am disappointed that you would sponsor such a bill. Although Alaskans were a little confused the first year, they learned how it worked and were satisfied with the results. It will get easier as we get more experience. Give it a chance! Please do not continue to support this bill. Sincerely, Molly Brann - Homer Alaska, 99603

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 11:53  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** **FW:** Please Keep Ranked Choice Voting

-----Original Message-----

From: Mark Larsen <marklarsenak@gmail.com>  
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2023 1:37 PM  
To: Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: Please Keep Ranked Choice Voting

Hello Representative Vance,

Please honor the will of voters who spoke very clearly when they decisively voted in the changes that lead to Open Primaries, Instant Run-offs and Ranked Choice Voting.

Thank you for reading this, and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Mark Larsen

Sent from my iPad

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 11:52  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** FW: House bill 4

From: barbarareilly131 <barbarareilly131@gmail.com>  
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2023 1:25 PM  
To: Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** House bill 4

I support ranked choice voting. I like all people receiving the same ballot. I like being able to vote for an individual regardless of party. Voters voted ranked choice voting in, leave it alone.

**Jake Almeida**

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**From:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 11:52  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** FW: Ranked Choice Voting

**From:** Carl White <carlwhite957@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 1:13 PM  
**To:** Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Ranked Choice Voting

Dear Sarah,  
The people of Alaska voted for Ranked Choice Voting. This should not be considered by the Alaska legislative bodies. If people want to get rid of it then the same process should be done to get rid of it.  
Sincerely,  
Carl White



## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 11:48  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** FW: HB 4-testimony

**From:** Beverly Russell <b75russe77@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 12:09 PM  
**To:** Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>; Rep. Jamie Allard <Rep.Jamie.Allard@akleg.gov>; Rep. Ben Carpenter <Rep.Ben.Carpenter@akleg.gov>; Rep. Craig Johnson <Rep.Craig.Johnson@akleg.gov>; Rep. David Eastman <Rep.David.Eastman@akleg.gov>; Rep. Andrew Gray <Rep.Andrew.Gray@akleg.gov>; Rep. Cliff Groh <Rep.Cliff.Groh@akleg.gov>; Rep. Andi Story <Rep.Andi.Story@akleg.gov>; Representative.Sara.Hanna@akleg.gov; Representative.Jesse.Kiehl@akleg.gov  
**Subject:** HS 4-testimony

I am Beverly Russell from Juneau and am testifying as myself. I speak against HB4. In 2020, the voters of Alaska voted to pass Ballot Measure 2 to allow open primaries and Rank Choice Voting. HB4 goes against the will of the people. The party registration as of February 2023 shows that 58% of registered voters in Alaska identify as Unaffiliated. Rank Choice Voting reduces partisanship, registered voters may vote for the candidate of their choice regardless of party affiliation and select the candidates who best fit with their values and priorities. Open Primaries and Rank Choice Voting allows more people to run, offering more competition and more representation of the population of Alaska. Please vote to oppose HB4.

Sincerely,

Beverly Russell, registered Alaskan voter

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 11:47  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** FW:HB4

-----Original Message-----

From: dcahrens@alaska.net <dcahrens@alaska.net>  
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2023 12:09 PM  
To: Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>; Rep. Ben Carpenter <Rep.Ben.Carpenter@akleg.gov>; Rep. Craig Johnson <Rep.CraigJohnson@akleg.gov>; Rep. David Eastman <Rep.David.Eastman@akleg.gov>; Rep. Andrew Gray <Rep.Andrew.Gray@akleg.gov>; Rep. Cliff Groh <Rep.Cliff.Groh@akleg.gov>; Rep. Jamie Allard <Rep.Jamie.A1lard@akleg.gov>; Rep. Calvin Schrage <Rep.Calvin.Schrage@akleg.gov>  
Cc: Sen. Cathy Giessel <Sen.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov>  
Subject: HB 4

Dear Representatives and Senator:

Please do not repeal Ranked Choice Voting. RCV was VOTED in by a fair and free election and should only be changed by the same type of election. I understand some people were never taught how to lose in this "everyone gets a ribbon" culture, but changing something that was won by majority vote is wrong. What would be next on the list, changing the results of elections because some in the legislature don't like the winner.

You are opening up an huge can of worms and are betraying the trust of the thousands of Alaskans that voted. STOP IT!

Sincerely,

Caroline Ahrens  
Anchorage  
East Side

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 11:41  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** FW: Ranked choice YES!! HB4 NO!!!

**From:** Whitelos <whitelos@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 12:08 PM  
**To:** Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Ranked choice YES!! HB4 NO!!!

NO on repealing ranked choice voting!

Alaskan voters voted directly FOR ranked choice voting and open primaries in 2020. How dare the legislature try to undermine the will of the people to have open and above board voting choices. This restored direct democracy to our voting. No more closed primaries. No more back room deals. People can vote for who they want.

We are leading the way in the country just like Alaska always hangs together and does it 'our way' with voting that make sense, is open and for everyone.

We have been through a couple of major elections and it works.

Your candidate didn't win because the people had choices? Well not all of mine did either but that is what happens when the people speak.

Janet Balice

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 11:38  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** FW: House Bill 4

From: James Majetich <majetich@ymail.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 11:32 AM

**To:** Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>; Rep. Jamie Allard <Rep.Jamie.Allard@akleg.gov>; Rep. Ben Carpenter <Rep.Ben.Carpenter@akleg.gov>; Rep. Craig Johnson <Rep.Craig.Johnson@akleg.gov>; Rep. David Eastman <Rep.Oavid.Eastman@akleg.gov>; Rep. Andrew Gray <Rep.Andrew.Gray@akleg.gov>; Rep. Cliff Groh <Rep.Cliff.Groh@akleg.gov>

**Subject:** House Bill 4

As an Alaskan resident, I am extremely concerned with House Bill 4, which is currently being considered by the House Judiciary Committee.

This bill is an egregious attempt to overturn the will of the Alaskan people, who in 2020 voted for Ballot Measure 2 and to apply Ranked Choice Voting to our election system.

Passing House Bill 4 would be a slap in the face to Alaskans everywhere and take away our voice and ability to choose the best candidates to represent us both within the state and nationally.

As a proud Alaskan, I strongly urge you not to do the right thing and not move forward with HB-4.

James Majetich  
Palmer Resident

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 11:36  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** FW: Ranked Choice Voting should be kept in place

**From:** Kathy O'Reilly-Doyle <kod4960@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 10:54 AM

**To:** Rep. Ben Carpenter <Rep.Ben.Carpenter@akleg.gov>; House Judiciary <House.Judiciary@akleg.gov>; Rep. Craig Johnson <Rep.Craig.Johnson@akleg.gov>; Rep. David Eastman <Rep.David.Eastman@akleg.gov>; Rep. Andrew Gray <Rep.Andrew.Gray@akleg.gov>; Rep. Cliff Groh <Rep.Cliff.Groh@akleg.gov>; Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>; Rep. Jamie Allard <Rep.Jamie.Allard@akleg.gov>

**Cc:** Representative.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov

**Subject:** Ranked Choice Voting should be kept in place

Please vote NO on any effort to eliminate Ranked Choice voting.

The majority of Alaskans voted FOR Ranked Choice voting as they were (and STILL ARE) tired of Partisan Politics. Alaskans want elected officials in place that will serve the highest interests and needs of ALL Alaskans.

I find the very thought of this backdoor approach to trying to undue our current system of Ranked Choice voting, insulting to the residents of Alaska, who made it quite clear that a change was needed in the old system, which often resulted in the election of people not very able or qualified for seeing beyond their own self interests.

Kathleen M. O'Reilly-Doyle  
Anchorage, AK

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 11:34  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** FW: Oppose the Repeal of Ranked Choice Voting

-----Original Message-----

From: Cooper Freeman <cooper.k.freeman@gmail.com>  
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2023 10:25 AM  
To: Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: Oppose the Repeal of Ranked Choice Voting

Hi Rep. Vance,

I am writing to let you know that as your constituent, you do not have my support to lead on repealing ranked choice voting or open primaries. I strongly oppose any repeals of ranked choice voting or open primaries, and encourage you to withdraw your support.

Cooper Freeman  
Homer, AK

**Jake Almeida**

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**From:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 11:32  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** FW:

From: Dan Presley <danpresley57@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 8:07 AM  
To: Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:**

I am in strong support of HB 4!! I have signed the booklet petitioning removal of this terrible law. Rank choice must end!!! Dan Presley 59218 East End Road Homer AK 907 398 6664

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 11:30  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** FW: Rank Choice Voting

From: Deborah Ward <sch.psych.ward@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 12:55 AM

To: Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>; Rep. Jamie Allard <Rep.Jamie.Allard@akleg.gov>; Rep. Ben Carpenter <Rep.Ben.Carpenter@akleg.gov>; Rep. Craig Johnson <Rep.Craig.Johnson@akleg.gov>; Rep. David Eastman <Rep.David.Eastman@akleg.gov>; Rep. Andrew Gray <Rep.Andrew.Gray@akleg.gov>; Rep. Cliff Groh <Rep.Cliff.Groh@akleg.gov>

Cc: Rep. Laddie Shaw <Rep.Laddie.Shaw@akleg.gov>

**Subject:** Rank Choice Voting

Members of the House Judiciary Committee - I oppose House Bill 4. Rank Choice Voting voting makes sense for Alaska, where most voters are registered as nonpartisan, independent and undeclared. Open primaries give voters more choices. The special election and the primary and general elections worked well last year. It was not confusing for voters. Rank Choice Voting was the will of the voters, and that choice should be honored.

Sincerely,

Deb ward  
Anchorage, AK 99516  
{907} 727-3034



## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 11:35  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** FW: Opposition to the Repeal of HB4 Open Primaries and Ranked Choice Voting

**From:** Brooke Lavender <brookelavenderll@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 10:50 AM  
**To:** Brooke Lavender <brookelavenderll@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** Opposition to the Repeal of HB4 Open Primaries and Ranked Choice Voting

Hello,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the repeal of HB 4, which would eliminate open primaries and ranked-choice voting in Alaska. As a concerned citizen and a strong advocate for democratic principles, I firmly believe that these reforms are essential for promoting transparency, inclusivity, and fair representation in our electoral system.

Open primaries play a vital role in ensuring that the election process remains accessible and democratic. By allowing all registered voters, regardless of party affiliation, to participate in primary elections, we encourage greater civic engagement and offer a more accurate reflection of the electorate's diverse perspectives. Open primaries promote competition, foster moderation, and discourage the extreme polarization that often accompanies closed-party primaries.

Ranked-choice voting is another critical reform that enhances the integrity of our elections and strengthens democratic representation. RCV allows voters to rank candidates in order of preference, ensuring that the winning candidate has majority support. This method encourages candidates to appeal to a broader range of voters, as they must consider not only their base but also the preferences of those who might rank them as a second or third choice. RCV empowers voters by eliminating the "spoiler effect" and promoting a more civil and issue-focused campaign environment.

HB 4, which introduced open primaries and ranked-choice voting to Alaska, was a significant step forward in enhancing our democratic processes. Repealing these reforms would be a regressive action that undermines the progress we have made. By repealing HB 4, we would be stifling the voices of voters, limiting their choices, and hindering the democratic ideals that our great nation was founded upon.

I implore you, as my elected representative, to consider the long-term implications of repealing HB 4.

Please uphold the principles of fairness, inclusivity, and transparency by opposing any attempts to dismantle open primaries and ranked-choice voting in Alaska. These reforms have proven successful in other states and have the potential to improve our political landscape by encouraging collaboration, discouraging extreme partisanship, and promoting a government that is truly representative of the people it serves.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I trust that you will carefully consider my concerns and make the right decision in supporting open primaries and ranked-choice voting. I look forward to seeing you uphold the values of our democracy and work towards a stronger and more inclusive electoral system.

Kindly,

Brooke lavender  
907-921-0054  
PO Box 1338  
Girdwood, AK 99587

Jake Almeida

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**From:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 11:28  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** FW: HB4

From: Janice Tower <jtoweralaska@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, May 10, 2023 9:50 PM  
To: Rep. Andrew Gray <Rep.Andrew.Gray@akleg.gov>; Rep. Ben Carpenter <Rep.Ben.Carpenter@akleg.gov>; Rep. Cliff Groh <Rep.Cliff.Groh@akleg.gov>; Rep. Craig Johnson <Rep.Craig.Johnson@akleg.gov>; Rep. David Eastman <Rep.David.Eastman@akleg.gov>; Rep. Jamie Allard <Rep.Jamie.Allard@akleg.gov>; Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** HB 4

**Dear** House Judiciary Members,

I am strongly opposed to HB 4, repealing open primaries and ranked choice voting. Finally, Alaska has a fair system of electing the best people to represent all of Alaskans, not just the candidates that tend to make it through a closed primary.

Open primaries and ranked choice voting restore sense in an otherwise nonsensical system. Please do not pass HB4.

Thank you,

Janice Tower  
7645 Griffith Street  
Anchorage, AK 99507

Sent from my iPhone. Sorry about the typos-I'm allthumbs.

Jake Almeida

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**From:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 11:25  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** FW: Testimony for the record

**From:** Lou Theiss <theissll@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 10, 2023 5:24 PM  
**To:** Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>; Rep. Andrew Gray <Rep.Andrew.Gray@akleg.gov>; Rep. Cliff Groh <Rep.Cliff.Groh@akleg.gov>; Rep. David Eastman <Rep.David.Eastman@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Testimony for the record

I oppose HB 4 for all the reasons stated in the testimony of many others and have a particular problem with party primary ballots.

While working at my precinct during an August primary I noticed that the State delivered an entire case of Republican ballots and only a few pads of "other" ballots ( for Dems, libertarians etc) to our heavily leaning democrat precinct. We called and called all afternoon but didn't get more till after the dinner rush. People were upset that we ran out of democratic ballots friends and neighbors walked off in a huff when we offered to give them sample ballots to fill out.

This personally stressful experience showed me that primary ballot distribution could be weaponized by partisan actors.

I support our current regime of open primaries and ranked choice voting so this can never happen again.

This happened on Aug 19 2014 when the S821 recall ballot proposition lost by a thin margin.

Please include my testimony in the public record of the Judiciary Committee.

Thank you

Lou Theiss 49 yr resident of Girdwood.

Jake Almeida

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**From:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 11:24  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** FW: RCV

-----Original Message-----

From: Dave <kachix@gci.net>  
Sent: Wednesday, May 10, 2023 5:18 PM  
To: Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: RCV

Alaskans want and like Rank Choice Voting. It works. You got elected. It was an initiative of the people and it's nuts to say Alaskans would like to go back to closed primaries. So drop the bullshit and stand up for what the people asked you to do. Honor the initiative. If you can't or won't listen to the people and support the initiative process then ..... thru the chair...to you.. Go fuck yourself.

**From:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 11:23  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject** FW: Comments on House Bill 4

**From:** Dick Mylius <rhmylius@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 10, 2023 11:08 AM  
**To:** Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>; Rep. Jamie Allard <Rep.Jamie.Allard@akleg.gov>; Rep. Ben Carpenter <Rep.Ben.Carpenter@akleg.gov>; Rep. **Craig** Johnson <Rep.Craig.Johnson@akleg.gov>; Rep. David Eastman <Rep.David.Eastman@akleg.gov>; Rep. Andrew Gray <Rep.Andrew.Gray@akleg.gov>; Rep. Cliff Groh <Rep.Cliff.Groh@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Comments on House Bill 4

### Representative Vance and Members of the House Judiciary Committee:

I oppose House Bill 4 - the proposed legislation that would Repeal Ranked Choice Voting and the Open Primary. In 2020, Alaskan voters, frustrated with the previous election process, voted to change to ranked choice voting and the open primary. With the experience of only one general election, it is premature to make drastic changes such as repeal of ranked choice voting.

I have worked as an election official at every state election in the past twelve years. At our local precinct at Airport Heights School in Anchorage, voters seemed happy with the 2022 primary election and there was little confusion. In fact, in previous years many people expressed dissatisfaction with the former closed primary system, where voters often could not vote for who they wanted. In August 2022, many voters at our polling station were happy to be able to choose between all candidates. At the November 2022 election, while it took many people more time to fill out their ballot, most people seemed to figure out how to rank the candidates and I heard very few complaints from voters.

Please do not pass HB 4.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Dick Mylius  
Anchorage AK

Jake Almeida

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**From:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 11:21  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** FW: HB4

From: Tom Early <s1early74@gmail.com>  
Sent: Monday, May 8, 2023 4:51 PM  
To: Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** HB 4

I am not in favor of House Bill 4 - repealing Open Primaries and Rank Choice Voting. I like Rank Choice Voting.

Thank you, Tom Early, Homer  
Sent from Mail for Windows

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 11:20  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** FW: Rank Choice Voting

**From:** Kathy Holt <kathy.g.holt@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, May 7, 2023 2:45 PM  
**To:** Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Rank Choice Voting

Hello Rep. Vance,

I read that you have stated that your constituents have told you that they think Rank Choice Voting is confusing.

I am one of your constituents, as well as my husband, and we were not confused. It is kind of insulting for people to say that it is, really. If you, Sarah Palin, and Kelly Tshibaka think it is confusing, you probably do not belong in public service. If that is confusing, how do you decipher anything else that comes across your desk?

Rank Choice Voting is the best way we have seen for voters to really get the best candidate in office. As a voter, I found that if my first choice candidate didn't get the necessary votes, I still had a say in the next round because my next choice in the mix of candidates was considered.

Rank Choice Voting is the best way also because we are not necessarily looking only at party lines. We have the opportunity to look at the candidates. All of them. Voters have more power.

I suspect that you and all those people who complain about Rank Choice Voting being "confusing" really understand it just fine. Complainers didn't like the outcome. The best candidate ought to win, regardless of party. Rank Choice Voting is the best way we've got to make that happen.

So I want you to know, you have many constituents who are smart enough to read instructions and understand Rank Choice Voting.

Kathleen Holt  
Kasilof, Alaska



## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Sent** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 11:18  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** FW: Ranked Choice Voting is excellent

-----Original Message-----

From: David Shadley <davidshadley@gmail.com>  
Sent: Friday, May 5, 2023 5:02 AM  
To: Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: Ranked Choice Voting is excellent

Good morning!

I saw that Sarah had sponsored a bill to get rid of ranked choice voting. In my opinion, that is a terrible idea. We the people voted for it and it seems to be going very well.

Thank you for your service to the people.

Dave Shadley  
907-399-7781

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 11:18  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** FW: Ranked Choice Voting does NOT require using a computer

-----Original Message-----

From: Scott Hilliard <jshi1liard@mac.com>  
Sent: Thursday, May 4, 2023 8:09 PM  
To: Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: Ranked Choice Voting does NOT require using a computer

Dear Representative Vance,

As a supporter of Ranked Choice Voting I listened to the recent hearing with public comment on H84, which would repeal ranked choice voting.

Two points were made by you that I beg to differ with.

1. Ranked Choice Voting destroys "one person one vote".

Ranked Choice preserves and protects "one person one vote". Each voter votes only once, using one ballot. If there is no majority winner among the first-ranked candidates (the "first round"), there is then essentially an "instant run-off" using the 2nd, and if necessary 3rd and 4th ranked candidates. Each voter's ranked choices from their ballot are preserved and used, assuring that the voter's voice is heard. No second run-off election is needed, no-one needs to come back and vote a second time. Actual run-off elections are known for low voter turnouts, effectively allowing a small set of re-voters to vote a second time and determine the outcome. Ranked Choice preserves all voters' voices until there is a majority winner.

The key is that Ranked Choice is a new system, and like anything new, we all need to learn. If we were all novices in the last election, we will all be experts by the next one. To vote effectively everyone should always rank all candidates. No longer must you try to out-guess the other voters and decide if your favorite candidate would be just a "wasted vote". Simply vote for your best candidate, then rank all the lesser candidates too. If the first-ranked vote is split with no majority winner, the Ranked Choice process will give us a winner that the most of us DID vote for, whereas the old system could give us someone that most of us did NOT vote for.

2. Ranked Choice requires a "mistrusted" computer to tally the votes.

Computers are fast and efficient. But if there is mistrust, Ranked Choice ballots, like all ballots, could be counted by hand. If there is no majority winner of the first-ranked candidates, then just go thru the ballots again by hand and look at the second ranked candidates, and so on. Simple.

Thank you for taking my comments.

Scott Hilliard  
Girdwood, AK

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 11:17  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** FW: Rank choice voting

**From:** Louis Dupree <capt1ou3@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 4, 2023 7:10 PM  
**To:** Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Rank choice voting

We the people of Alaska voted for this by a majority and you have no right to try and get the legislature to overturn what we the people voted for.

Please stop the bill and remember we the people already spoke on this issue

Thank you

Louis Dupree

51265 Raven Canyon ct  
Homer, AK 99603  
[captlou3@gmail.com](mailto:captlou3@gmail.com)

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 11:16  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** FW: Note to Rep. Sarah Vance

-----Original Message-----

From: Wallace Mills <wmills@mindspring.com>  
Sent: Thursday, May 4, 2023 3:17 PM  
To: Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: Note to Rep. Sarah Vance

Sarah,

I hope that after yesterday's hearing you don't still believe that "most Alaskans" want repeal of RCV. I am one who believes it is fair and equitable, simple, and achieves a more accurate representation of what Alaskans want. In particular it eliminates the disruption of multi-party fights that result in a generally unwanted candidate.

Please rethink your position on this issue and give it a chance to work. I know that you are a 'conservative' Republican; I also know that our representatives are supposed to represent the interests of all in your district. It does indeed take a lot of listening.

Thank you for listening to my thoughts. I hope they will, in small measure and mixed in with the thoughts of others, allow you the opportunity of keeping an open mind.

Sincerely,  
Chip Mills  
Halibut Cove, AK

Sent from my iPhone

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## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 11:17  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** FW: Keep Ranked Choice Voting, & Open primaries

----- Original Message-----

From: Art Koeninger <artinhomer@gmail.com>  
Sent: Thursday, May 4, 2023 4:07 PM  
To: Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: Keep Ranked Choice Voting, & Open primaries

Dear Representative Vance,

As one of your constituents, I very strongly support the current system of open primaries and ranked choice voting. The people of Alaska approved these systems by popular vote. That is the poll you should be respecting. Dittman never asked me my opinion.

If someone needs information on how ranked choice works, your job is to help explain it, rather than obfuscate.

Ranked choice voting is not more difficult to understand than requesting strawberry ice cream if there is no chocolate, or Neapolitan if there is neither chocolate or strawberry. Baskin Robbins would not get very far if they only offered vanilla or chocolate. Ranked choice voting offers the opportunity to vote one's values without throwing away one's vote, rather than choosing the lesser of two evils.

Please withdraw your un-democratic bill to revoke the will of the people.  
William A. Koeninger, Homer

**Jake Almeida**

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**From:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 11:15  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** FW: Ranked Choice Voting and Election Reforms

**From:** Ann Dixon <dixonannr@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 4, 2023 1:47 PM  
**To:** Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Ranked Choice Voting and Election Reforms

Dear Rep. Vance,

I just read that you're in favor of repealing ranked choice voting, based on a poll that says most people want it repealed. Well, no one asked me! And so far, I really like it.

I've often felt disenfranchised at elections, forced to vote for "the lesser of two evils" rather than the candidate I truly preferred. Ranked choice gives better options and opens up the field to more candidates. I'd like to see it at the federal level, as well.

As far as election reforms, how about getting rid of campaign financing rules that allow contributions from unknown entities and setting limits on how much can be both received and spent?

Thank you.

Ann Dixon  
Homer

Jake Almeida

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**From:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 11:14  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** FW: I oppose HB 4

**From:** Julian Mason <julian@ak.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 4, 2023 11:01 AM  
**To:** House State Affairs <HouseState.Affairs@akleg.gov>  
**Cc:** Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>; Rep. Julie Coulombe <Rep.Julie.Coulombe@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

I like having real choice in who I vote for. Some legislators have said we need to get rid of RCV because it is too hard to understand. That is at best condescending. Voters are not stupid and they should not be told they are. I voted for RCV and, like most voters, did not have any trouble understanding it.

Thank you for considering my views. I know all of you have a tough job and are working hard. J

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## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 11:14  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** FW: RCV

From: worsfold@ak.net <worsfold@ak.net>  
Sent: Thursday, May 4, 2023 11:01 AM  
To: Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** RCV

Hello,  
I just wanted to let you know that I like ranked choice voting and next time you speak about it on the radio maybe you could mention my support for it. After all, I am one of your "constituents".  
William Worsfold



## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 11:13  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** FW: HB 4

-----Original Message-----

From: Warren Petrasek <wephppak@icloud.com>  
Sent: Thursday, May 4, 2023 7:38 AM  
To: Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: HB 4

Sarah,

Please politely withdraw HB4.

We (the people) voted it In. Let's keep it. Works wonderfully. Leave it alone.

Sincerely,  
Warren E. Petrasek

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 11:13  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** FW: NO to HB4: KEEP RANKED VOTING!

**From:** Mary E. Fenno <maryefenno@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 4, 2023 12:02 AM  
**To:** Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** NO to H84: KEEP RANKED VOTING!

Your bill, HB4 is absolutely WRONG! It should not pass!

The Alaskan people voted in ranked voting and open primaries and now YOU and other Republican legislators are trying to take our choice away!

Why am I not surprised? BECAUSE this bill and so many others like it across our country are being put forth by Republican legislators to destroy our democratic system and take away voting rights. I know because my district was destroyed in the gerrymandering last year.

Instead of pushing bills through our legislature to take away the peoples' election choices, why isn't the legislature working on so many of the major problems in our state?

Alaskans, men, women, and SO MANY CHILDREN are starving and have been since last AUGUST because our legislature, including YOU, and the governor and his administration refuse to address the problem of processing food stamp applications in our state. I can solve that right now: Give everybody who applies food stamps and then work on the applications. Maybe that would encourage the state to speed up the process.

I'm disgusted by the entire legislature and administration even taking the time to consider this bill while hundreds of Alaskans were pushed out of shelters in Anchorage to live on the streets May 1 in subfreezing weather and breakup conditions of ice, slush, mud and frozen ground. How are they supposed to pitch a tent in frozen ground? and now it's snowing again in Anchorage as I write this. IT'S INHUMANE. Oh well, how could this possibly be fixed? I could fix it right now: The governor declares an emergency and sends Anchorage the money to keep the shelters open through the summer while housing is found for the homeless.

Oh dear, we don't have the money? Baloney Sausage! Take it out of the PFD funds. Or grow a spine and reinstate a state income tax and tax everyone fairly by their income levels and also the hundreds, if not thousands, of out of state workers who work in Alaska and don't pay any taxes and live Outside.

These are only two situations, and there are so many more that need the state legislature and administration to do the job they, YOU, were elected to do.

But that's not important to any of YOU! No not at all

You're focused on taking away ranked choice voting and open primaries.

I would hope you all would get your priorities straight and do your job.

Leave ranked voting and open primaries alone. We voted it in, we want it, and the legislature should not override the will of the Alaskan people and repeal it. That is not democracy.

Sincerely,

Mary E Fenno  
1630 Goldridge Dr.  
Fairbanks, Alaska 99709

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 11:11  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** FW: Ranked Choice Voting

**From:** Charlie Stewart <cds55142@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 3, 2023 7:50 PM  
**To:** Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Ranked Choice Voting

Hello Representative Vance, I **am a** voter in your district and I am very disappointed in your activities trying to repeal the ranked choice voting system voted for by the people. More so. it is incredibly disingenuous for you to say you are acting on the will of the people; I know poll workers and plenty of people who had no problem with the voting. It is unfortunate that you don't take your position seriously, in this instance, and help educate the few who have difficulties with change.

I also have a problem with your voting on medicaid expansion for mothers and the protection of students from potential predation at private schools. What on earth are you thinking?

I do however wish you success on the health insurance initiative you are working on. While I know that you realize we can't cut our way into a responsible state budget; squeezing everything we can before going to the voters for revenue is a great choice. We are however running short on time, and since you were elected we have spent billions out of our savings...

Here's an efficiency you might look at; you all were given per diem because you hadn't had a raise in a long time. Now you have had a raise...where's the bill to cut per diem?

Charlie Stewart

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 11:09  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** FW: Ranked Choice Voting

**From:** Gloria Mumm <glomumm@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 3, 2023 1:54 PM  
**To:** Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Ranked Choice Voting

As a member of your district I ask you to please stop working towards repeal of the ranked choice voting system.

I have many reasons for feeling this way but highest among them is that repeal would take away my ability to choose a reasonable, moderate candidate who is willing to work across the isle. The previous system seems heavily weighted towards party affiliation and gave us extreme candidates who could pass through the primary system. With ranked choice voting I can vote for the candidate that best fits my needs and philosophy of government, regardless of their party. It also produces candidates who appeal to a wider spectrum of voters not just those of their own party.

Alaskans approved of ranked choice voting and the legislature should not be considering appeal.

Gloria Mumm  
Homer, Alaska

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 11:08  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** **FW: I oppose HB 4**

-----Original Message-----

From: trosszone@everyactionadvocacy.com <trosszone@everyactionadvocacy.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, May 3, 2023 11:31 AM  
To: Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: I oppose HB 4

Dear Representative Sarah Vance,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact. Ranked choice provides more options for voters and negates the rigged system of exclusive closed primaries. I found the multiple choices easy to **navigate** and felt that my vote had more significance and relevance. This is what the majority of people want so don't repeal it!

Sincerely,  
John Dodge  
PO Box 2532 Homer, AK 99603-2532  
trosszone@yahoc.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 11fJ7  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** FW: Ranked Choice Voting

From: Kathleen Miller <kmillern.juneau@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 2, 2023 10:41 AM  
Subject: Ranked Choice Voting

Please support Ranked Choice Voting. It is a clear process to understand and best provides all Alaskan residents an opportunity to select a candidate who best represents their values and concerns/ Thank you, Kathleen Miller

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 11:06  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** FW: Rank Choice Voting

**From:** LuAnne Nelson <1anelson54@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 3, 2023 8:13 AM  
**To:** Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Rank Choice Voting

Representative Vance,

The people voted for rank choice voting! You are spending your precious legislative time representing a small group of small minded folks who want to overturn elections that don't go their way.

Unfortunately you represent me as well. Use your time more wisely! LuAnne Nelson, Anchor Point

Sent from Gmail Mobile

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 11:04  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** FW: Oppose HB4

**From:** Poppy Benson <poppyb.ak@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 3, 2023 12:46 AM  
**To:** Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Oppose HB4

You claim in your comments today that Alaskan's have "buyers remorse" but provide no documentation of that. I am the opposite. I voted against Ranked Choice Voting and now LOVE it.

- Love the elimination of party primaries allowing we the people to choose candidates. Too many elections in Alaska were decided in the primaries, not the general election as it should be.
- Love the requirement that the winning candidate have more than 50% of the vote without the cost and headache of runoff elections such as that in Georgia. No one should win with just 30 - 40% of the votes
- Love the ability to vote your heart without fear that you were "throwing your vote away." Under ranked choice you can always pick a more winnable candidate for number two.

### **Stop trying to overturn the will of the voters.**

It is not that hard to vote a ranked choice system. I fear that your motivations are just a concern that the party system might lose its grip and more moderate candidates will continue to win as happened in the last election.

Poppy Benson  
(907) 235-8495 home  
(907) 299-0092 cell



## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 11:03  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** FW: HB4

**From:** Jennifer Jolis <jjolisak@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 2, 2023 8:22 PM  
**To:** Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** HB 4

Unable to get through on the phone line while the House was taking testimony on HB 4 today I am writing to share my views.

1. I am strongly against repeal or overturn of rank choice voting. To do so would be to over turn the clearly stated will of the Alaska electorate. I can think of no argument that is stronger than this-an overturning the will of the voters. To do so is unconscionable

2, Open primaries As a long-time Alaska voter who had the opportunity to vote in decades past based upon what I deemed were the merits of those candidates running, irrespective of their party, I feel and have felt disenfranchised by the actions of the Republican party in closing their primaries--denying me the opportunity to support those candidates whose values I valued.

As a state well known for mavericks (not to mention rogues), it is entirely possible that as an unaffiliated citizen I might choose a Republican candidate whom I respect while in a different race in the same election cycle I might just a candidate who is a Democrat or an Independent. As a citizen of Alaska I think this suits the tenor of our citizens

Jennifer Jolis  
3705 Quartz Road  
Fairbanks.

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 10:59  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** FW: HB4

-----Original Message-----

From: Charles Cary <sheilacary@mac.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, May 2, 2023 3:31PM  
To: Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: HB4

Ms. Vance,

My husband and I are life long Alaskans (in our 70's) and we are appalled that a legislator would think they should thwart the will of the people! Your bill is does not support democracy! It's intended to shut the voice of Alaskans down. Shame on you and others in your party who think authoritarianism can be shoved down our throats. We will fight back!!! And we will do our best to see you lose your seat!

Charlie and Sheila Cary  
Sent from my iPhone

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 10:59  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** FW: New Pom:HB 4 Elections:repeal Rank Choice/open Primary

-----Original Message-----

From: judymalaska@yahoo.com <judymalaska@yahoo.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, May 2, 2023 3:29 PM  
To: Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: New Pom:HB 4 Elections:repeal Rank Choice/open Primary

Judith Miller  
5555 CHILKOOT CT #1

ANCHORAGE 99504,  
judymalaska@yahoo.com  
907 834-6943

There were too many callers to get through, I wanted to testify today. I support ranked choice voting, arguments saying it's too complicated are apparently only made by people who have never voted by ranked choice, because it is very simple.

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 10:59  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** FW: HB 4

-----Original Message-----

From: Camai Bed & Breakfast <stay@camaibnb.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, May 2, 2023 3:15 PM  
To: Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: HB 4

I am vehemently opposed to HB 4. I voted (with majority of Alaskans) for ranked choice. I am a super voter and was satisfied with new process for voting. Move on to important issues such as the budget! Vote down HB4.

Caroline D. Valentine  
Anchorage  
PS I **am** a registered Republican

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Elesheva Tiner  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2023 16:43  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** FW: Ranked Choice Voting

---Original Message---

From: Becky Carr <bcarr@alaskan.com>  
Sent: Friday, May 12, 2023 10:25 AM  
To: Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: Ranked Choice Voting

My name is Mrs. Becky Carr. I am a 35 year resident of Alaska. I ran a successful small business in Anchorage, raised two daughters here who attended our public schools, own a home and have voted in every election over the last 35 years that I've lived here.

I am in support of Ranked Choice Voting. I believe RCV is progressive and in step with the times. It is right and it is fair. Alaskans voted for it.

Thank you for your service for all Alaskans and for the values represented by our Democracy.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Becky Carr

Sent from my iPhone

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 10:58  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subjed:** FW: I oppose HB 1, HB 4 and SB 2

-----Original Message-----

From: 1auriedanielnc@everyactionadvocacy.com <lauriedanielnc@everyactionadvocacy.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, May 2, 2023 2:43 PM  
To: Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: I oppose HB 1, HB 4 and SB 2

Dear Representative Sarah Vance,

In 2020, the majority of Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing RCV and switching back to the old system would not only be confusing for voters, but it would also cost our state money and resources.

I'm writing to demonstrate my strong support for Open Primaries and Ranked-Choice Voting.

Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave RCV intact.

Sincerely,  
Laurie Daniel  
PO Box 3713 Homer, AK 99603-3713  
lauriedanielnc@hotmail.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 10:57  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** FW: House Bill 4

**From:** Kim Mix <akltourist@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 2, 2023 2:26 PM  
**To:** Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** House Bill 4

Please stop the House Bill 4 to repeal Rank choice Voting. Give it a chance! It was a positive start and we will get better at it for each election! Kim Mix

Sent from Mail for Windows

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Sent** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 10:57  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** FW: I oppose HB 4

-----Original Message-----

From: rlgust71ak@everyactionadvocacy.com <r1gust71ak@everyactionadvocacy.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, May 2, 2023 1:52 PM  
To: Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: I oppose HB 4

Dear Representative Sarah Vance,

J'm writing in opposition of House Bill 41!! As an Alaskan voter that has a N Political Affiliation I voted for the ranked-choice voting in 2020. I support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. HB 4 is a waste of money especially at a time we need to spend wisely. This bill is a poor use of your time and an insult to Alaskan voters!!! Switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources.

Sincerely Richard Gustafson

Sincerely,  
Richard Gustafson  
PO Box 4144 Homer, AK 99603-4144  
rlgust71ak@gmail.com



## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Sent** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 10:41  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject** FW: I oppose HB 4

---Original Message-----

From: earthacres2@everyactionadvocacy.com <earthacres2@everyactionadvocacy.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, May 2, 2023 7:59 AM  
To: Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: I oppose HB 4

Dear Representative Sarah Vance,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Evelyn Seguela  
38399 Bobby Rufus Rd Homer, AK 99603-9795 earthacres2@gmail.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 10:40  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** FW: I oppose HB 4

-----Original Message-----

From: earthacres2@everyactionadvocacy.com <earthacres2@everyactionadvocacy.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, May 2, 2023 7:58 AM  
To: Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: I oppose HB 4

Dear Representative Sarah Vance,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
William Tymrak  
38399 Bobby Rufus Rd Homer, AK 99603-9795 earthacres2@gmail.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 10:40  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** FW: Unequivocal SUPPORT FOR Open Primaries AND Ranked Choice Voting!

-----Original Message-----

From: Beate Zinck <beate@gci.net>  
Sent: Tuesday, May 2, 2023 5:53 AM  
To: Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: Unequivocal SUPPORT FOR Open Primaries AND Ranked Choice Voting!

I repeat:  
I SUPPORT open primaries AND ranked choice voting 100%!

Beate Zinck  
8100 Oney Circle  
Anchorage 99507

Sent from my iPhone

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 10:39  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** FW: I oppose HB 4

-----Original Message-----

From: gabrielahusmann@everyactionadvocacy.com <gabrielahusmann@everyactionadvocacy.com>  
Sent: Monday, May 1, 2023 10:03 PM  
To: Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: I oppose HB 4

Dear Representative Sarah Vance,

Dear **Sara** Vance,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Gabriela

Sincerely,  
Gabriela Husmann  
53200 N Mcneil Point Vis Homer, AK 99603-9662 gabrielahusmann@gmail.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 10:38  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** FW: I oppose HB 4

-----Original Message-----

From: ejw.homer@everyactionadvocacy.com <ejw.homer@everyactionadvocacy.com>  
Sent: Monday, May 1, 2023 8:37 PM  
To: Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: I oppose HB 4

Dear Representative Sarah Vance,

Dear Sarah Vance,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,

Evelyn Waltenbaugh  
Homer, Alaska

Sincerely,  
Evelyn Waltenbaugh  
39066 Fiddlehead Cir Homer, AK 99603-8333 ejw.homer@gmail.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 10:38  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** FW: HB 4 comment

**From:** Therese Lewandowski <thereselew@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 1, 2023 8:33 PM  
**To:** House State Affairs <HouseState.Affairs@akleg.gov>  
**Cc:** Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** HB 4 comment

House State Affairs Committee Members,

Regarding HB 4, an act related to elections; related to repealing Open Primaries & Ranked Choice Voting

I am against this bill.

Open Primaries provide Alaskan citizens of all or no political affiliation to vote their choice based on the candidate's qualifications and not on their political party. It eliminates multiple ballots which is always confusing for the voter.

Ranked Choice Voting allows a similar choice - to vote for the candidate, the person. It encourages voters to ask questions and research the candidate and not rely on a political party to think for them. It then allows a voter to choose 4, if they wish, and rank them in order of preference!

How often I have wished I could do that election after election.

This gives the voter much more say in electing our politicians. And it makes candidates prove up on why they are running and what they can actually offer citizens of this state.

Lastly - the majority voted this into statute in 2020. Legislators repealing it through a bill is like taking their voting power away from them.

Thank you for LISTENING to my view.

Therese Lewandowski, Homer

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 10:38  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** FW: Ranked choice voting

**From:** roger imhoff <rogerwimhoff@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 1, 2023 6:17 PM  
**To:** Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Ranked choice voting

HB4 the repeal of ranked choice voting.....your repeal effect is simply wrong. Shame on you for attempting to overturn the voters wishes.

Roger Imhoff east end rd voter

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 10:37  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** FW: voting

**From:** Wendy Wayne <lewistownmontana@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 1, 2023 5:48 PM  
**To:** Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** voting

Representative Vance,

Ranked choice voting is a wonderful way to cast a ballot. I've enjoyed the opportunity to vote for my first choice plus my second and so on. Keep the option there!

Wendy Wayne



## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 10:37  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** FW: r oppose HB 4

-----Original Message-----

From: aknina51@everyactionadvocacy.com <aknina51@everyactionadvocacy.com>  
Sent: Monday, May 1, 2023 4:20 PM  
To: Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: I oppose HB 4

Dear Representative Sarah Vance,

I strongly oppose House Bill 4. The voters passed this method, and I do not believe the Legislature should overturn it.

I know this system will save the state a lot of money by decreasing the number of elections that are held. There are many good reasons to keep Ranked Choice Voting in place, and one is that we have hardly even been able to test it out. I felt it led to more dialogue and engagement by candidates and voters.

I urge you not to support HB 4.

Sincerely,  
Nina Faust  
PO Box 2994 Homer, AK 99603-2994  
aknina51@yahoo.com

**Jake Almeida**

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**From:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 10:35  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** FW: HB4 Hearing, May 2, 2023, 3:00 pm at House State Affairs Committee

**From:** Rep. Jamie Allard <Rep.Jamie.Allard@akleg.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 1, 2023 3:54 PM  
**To:** Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: HB4 Hearing, May 2, 2023, 3:00 pm at House State Affairs Committee

**From:** Jan Carolyn Hardy <[jancarolynhardy@yahoo.com](mailto:jancarolynhardy@yahoo.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 1, 2023 11:44 AM  
**To:** House State Affairs <[HouseState.Affairs@akleg.gov](mailto:HouseState.Affairs@akleg.gov)>; [Rep.LaddieShaw@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.LaddieShaw@akleg.gov); Rep. Stanley Wright <[Rep.Stanley.Wright@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Stanley.Wright@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Jamie Allard <[Rep.Jamie.Allard@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Jamie.Allard@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Craig Johnson <[Rep.Craig.Johnson@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Craig.Johnson@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Jennie Armstrong <[Rep.Jennie.Armstrong@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Jennie.Armstrong@akleg.gov)>; [Rep.Andi.Story@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Andi.Story@akleg.gov)  
**Cc:** Kim Hays <[kim@akaficio.org](mailto:kim@akaficio.org)>; Alex Murphy <[a.murphy@shipcreekgroup.com](mailto:a.murphy@shipcreekgroup.com)>; Jan Carolyn Hardy <[jancarolynhardy@yahoo.com](mailto:jancarolynhardy@yahoo.com)>  
**Subject:** HB4 Hearing, May 2, 2023, 3:00 pm at House State Affairs Committee

9040 Emerald Drive

Anchorage, Alaska

99502-5131

May 2, 2023

Dear House State Affairs Committee Members:

In 2020 Citizens of the State of Alaska voted on a Citizens' Initiative to change our system of election from party based ballots to Rank Choice Voting (RCV.) The Alaska Legislature is convened to represent the Will of the People and to enact legislation to benefit all Alaskans. HB 4 seeks to recant the Will of the People in favor of the discontents in and out of power.

HB 4 has been introduced to appease the discontents who did not win the most recent State and Federal elections and those who are fearful that RCV will lift the thumb on 'fair and free' elections. Those who support HB 4 and other similar legislation designed to curtail Democracy would do better to earn their keep by presenting policies created to benefit the People of Alaska and not by building an insulating fortress around themselves.

HB 4 is a bad bill. It is an undemocratic bill. How dare the authors of this inflammatory legislation elevate themselves above the Will of the People!

Respectfully,

Jan Carolyn Hardy

Anchorage, Alaska

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**Jan Carolyn Hardy**

Alaska AFSCME Retiree Chapter 52 Executive Board President

ASENAFSCME PAC Director, District 15

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*Theology defines what is possible in our lives.* Rabbi Kari Tuling

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 10:35  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** FW: Oppose HB 4

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**Sent:** Monday, May 1, 2023 3:54 PM  
**To:** Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: Oppose HB 4

**From:** [ronni@acf.net](mailto:ronni@acf.net) <[ronni@acf.net](mailto:ronni@acf.net)>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 1, 2023 12:04 PM  
**To:** Rep. Jamie Allard <[Rep.Jamie.Allard@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Jamie.Allard@akleg.gov)>  
**Subject:** Oppose HB 4

Representative Allard,

I am a constituent from Peter's Creek. I write in opposition to HB 4, which would do away with ranked choice voting and open primaries. The new system proved itself to be successful after the citizen's initiative was voted in by the people of Alaska. It is absurd to go against the will of those voters so soon after it was approved. It should have at least a few years to prove what a success it is.

RCV was easy to understand, cut away a lot of the politics and just let Alaskans make their choices without the distraction of the parties. I am very much in favor of the open primary which let me choose the candidate of my choice, regardless of party. I've been an undeclared voter since coming to Alaska in the 60's, and this system suits my needs better than ever before.

Sincerely,

Ronni Sullivan  
[ronni\(li\),gci.net](mailto:ronni(li),gci.net)

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 10:35  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** FW: Do NOT repeal Ranked Choice Voting

**From:** Rep. Jamie Allard <Rep.Jamie.Allard@akleg.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 1, 2023 3:52 PM  
**To:** Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: Do NOT repeal Ranked Choice Voting

**From:** Ann Rappaport <[agrappoport@gmail.com](mailto:agrappoport@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 1, 2023 1:05 PM  
**To:** Rep. Laddie Shaw <[Rep.Laddie.Shaw@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Laddie.Shaw@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Stanley Wright <[Rep.Stanley.Wright@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Stanley.Wright@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Ben Carpenter <[Rep.Ben.Carpenter@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Ben.Carpenter@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Craig Johnson <[Rep.Craig.Johnson@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Craig.Johnson@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Jamie Allard <[Rep.Jamie.Allard@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Jamie.Allard@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Jennie Armstrong <[Rep.Jennie.Armstrong@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Jennie.Armstrong@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Andi Story <[Rep.Andi.Story@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Andi.Story@akleg.gov)>  
**Subject:** Do NOT repeal Ranked Choice Voting

Dear Members of the House State Affairs Committee:

I am writing in advance of tomorrow's hearing **to urge you to vote NO on HB 4** which would repeal both Ranked Choice Voting and open primaries!!

Our updated voting system which includes Ranked Choice Voting and open primaries is a much fairer process that does a much better job of bringing people together and ensuring that every person's vote counts! It does not kowtow to radical, extremist party views or individuals on either side. Rather, it presents a unique and wonderful opportunity to ensure we each have a voice in our elections. If our first choice is not popular enough for a large enough group of voters, Ranked Choice Voting provides the opportunity to ensure our second best choice gets our vote, and even our third and fourth choices. If we don't like enough candidates to vote for a third or fourth choice, we don't have to go there.

Our 2022 elections in Alaska were well run and produced a diverse, responsible set of legislators and a national delegation where a majority of the voters indicated that these people - while perhaps not their first choice, were at least their second choice. The open primary system ensured that a diverse set of candidates emerged, one that better matched Alaska demographics.

Poll after poll showed that the majority of Alaskans approved of this new system after experiencing it. Perhaps most importantly, we have seen better collaboration among our elected representatives than we have in the past.

The voters spoke when they voted in this system. They spoke again when 79% of voters polled after the November election stated that filling out their ballots was "simple" (PatInkin Research Strategies, November 15, 2022). Moreover, 99.8% of ballots were filled out correctly.

The system is not broken - you do NOT need to change it! Thank you for your attention to my comments.

Sincerely,  
Ann Rappoport  
Anchorage, AK 99516

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 10:35  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** FW: DO NOT repeal Ranked Choice Voting

**From:** Rep. Jamie Allard <Rep.Jamie.Allard@akleg.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 1, 2023 3:51 PM  
**To:** Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: DO NOT repeal Ranked Choice Voting

**From:** David B Irons <[dbironsak@gmail.com](mailto:dbironsak@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 1, 2023 1:19 PM  
**Cc:** Rep. Laddie Shaw <[Rep.Laddie.Shaw@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Laddie.Shaw@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Andi Story <[Rep.Andi.Story@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Andi.Story@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Ben Carpenter <[Rep.Ben.Carpenter@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Ben.Carpenter@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Craig Johnson <[Rep.Craig.Johnson@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Craig.Johnson@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Jamie Allard <[Rep.Jamie.Allard@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Jamie.Allard@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Stanley Wright <[Rep.Stanley.Wright@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Stanley.Wright@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Jennie Armstrong <[Rep.Jennie.Armstrong@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Jennie.Armstrong@akleg.gov)>  
**Subject:** DO NOT repeal Ranked Choice Voting

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Sincerely,  
David Irons  
Anchorage, AK 99516



## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 10:35  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** FW: House Bill 4

**From:** Rep. Jamie Allard <Rep.Jamie.Allard@akleg.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 1, 2023 3:50 PM  
**To:** Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: House Bill 4

From: Alison & Kurt <[alisonkurt@gci.net](mailto:alisonkurt@gci.net)>  
Sent: Monday, May 1, 2023 2:11 PM  
**To:** Rep. Laddie Shaw <[Rep.Laddie.Shaw@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Laddie.Shaw@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Stanley Wright <[Rep.Stanley.Wright@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Stanley.Wright@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Ben Carpenter <[Rep.Ben.Carpenter@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Ben.Carpenter@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Craig Johnson <[Rep.Craig.Johnson@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Craig.Johnson@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Jamie Allard <[Rep.Jamie.Allard@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Jamie.Allard@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Jennie Armstrong <[Rep.Jennie.Armstrong@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Jennie.Armstrong@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Andi Story <[Rep.Andi.Story@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Andi.Story@akleg.gov)>  
**Subject:** House Bill 4

As a long time Alaskan I oppose House Bill 4 repeal of ranked choice voting and open primaries.

I believe legislators should respect the will of the voters and not vote to overturn this citizens' initiative.

In 2022, every statewide Alaska primary provided voters with more choice.

Voters polled said elections were more competitive than in the past.

The open primary created a more diverse candidate pool. In 2022 statewide primaries, political diversity increased, meaning more candidates had the freedom to run without ties to a political party. The new system yielded a larger, more diverse candidate pool that mirrored Alaska demographics.

Women entered Alaska's 2022 statewide primaries at unprecedented numbers.

In statewide races, winners earned broad support. No political ideology had an advantage. The same pool of voters elected a conservative Republican, a moderate Republican, and a Democrat.

Winners were the 1st or 2nd choice of a majority of voters.

Alaskans overwhelmingly found the new system simple to use. In the first RCV election in August 2022, 85% of voters polled stated that filling out their ballots was "simple."

99.8% of ballots were correctly filled out.

Given all this documentation that the system works for Alaskans, you as Legislators have no reason to overturn RCV.

Thank you for your consideration.

Alison L. Smith  
Anchorage, AK

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 10:34  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** FW: HB4

**From:** Rep. Jamie Allard <Rep.Jamie.Allard@akleg.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 1, 2023 3:49 PM  
**To:** Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** FW: HB 4

**From:** Mary Calmes <[vetna2@gmail.com](mailto:vetna2@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 1, 2023 3:33 PM  
**To:** Rep. Laddie Shaw <[Rep.Laddie.Shaw@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Laddie.Shaw@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Jamie Allard <[Rep.Jamie.Allard@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Jamie.Allard@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Jennie Armstrong <[Rep.Jennie.Armstrong@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Jennie.Armstrong@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Ben Carpenter <[Rep.Ben.Carpenter@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Ben.Carpenter@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Craig Johnson <[Rep.Craig.Johnson@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Craig.Johnson@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Andi Story <[Rep.Andi.Story@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Andi.Story@akleg.gov)>; Rep. Stanley Wright <[Rep.Stanley.Wright@akleg.gov](mailto:Rep.Stanley.Wright@akleg.gov)>  
**Subject:** HB 4

We are proud that Alaska has adopted the Ranked Choice Voting System and has an open primary. The people of Alaska VOTED for that system and it worked well for all Alaskans. To repeal a system that makes sense and allows all Alaskans a voice in their elected officials after only one election using that system seems reactionary at best. You are there to represent the people of Alaska and they have told you what they want so respect that. Ranked Choice Voting is the choice of the people of Alaska.

Mary Calmes  
Mary Calmes  
[vetna2@gmail.com](mailto:vetna2@gmail.com)

*Laughter: The tangible evidence of hope.*

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** leanne.m.werner@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Leanne Werner  
<leanne.m.werner@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 08:31  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,

Leanne Werner

3006 Turnagain St Anchorage, AK 99517-1843 leanne.m.werner@gmail.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Faith Klida <fklida@gmail.com>  
**Sent** Thursday, May 11, 2023 20:55  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Cc:** Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Jamie Allard; Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. Andrew Gray; Rep. Cliff Groh  
**Subject:** HB-4

Good evening,

I write to this committee with concerns regarding HB-4. In 2020, the majority of Alaskan voters successfully voted to approve Ballot measure 2 regarding ranked choice voting. It is clear that HB-4 is in direct conflict with the majority vote as it intends to repeal ranked choice voting. RCV allows for more efficient and fiscally responsible elections to identify the best candidate. Since the initial RCV rollout, we have seen the public identify great candidates from both sides of the aisle.

Please consider this note as my opposition for repealing ranked choice voting. The voting public has spoken and that should be honored through the legislative process.

Regards,  
Faith Klida  
Sand Lake, Anchorage resident

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** David Brust <akbrust00@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2023 09:29  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Cc:** Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Jamie Allard; Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. Andrew Gray; Rep. Cliff Groh; Rep. Andy Josephson  
**Subject:** House Bill 4

I am for rank choice voting and open primaries.

House Bill 4 will harm Alaska.

Please vote no.

David Brust

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** lance@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of LANCE AHERN  
<lance@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 11:19  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
LANCE AHERN  
22449 Deer Park Dr Chugiak, AK 99567-5332 lance@biofidelic.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2023 18:32  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** FW: Please reject HB 4

**From:** Bob French <bgkfrench@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 12:41 PM

**To:** Rep. Jamie Allard <Rep.Jamie.Allard@akleg.gov>; Rep. Jennie Armstrong <Rep.Jennie.Armstrong@akleg.gov>; Rep. Ben Carpenter <Rep.Ben.Carpenter@akleg.gov>; Rep. Ashley Carrick <Rep.Ashley.Carrick@akleg.gov>; Rep. Julie Coulombe <Rep.Julie.Coulombe@akleg.gov>; Rep. Mike Cronk <Rep.Mike.Cronk@akleg.gov>; Rep. Maxine Dibert <Rep.Maxine.Dibert@akleg.gov>; Rep. David Eastman <Rep.David.Eastman@akleg.gov>; Rep. Bryce Edgmon <Rep.Bryce.Edgmon@akleg.gov>; Rep. Zack Fields <Rep.Zack.Fields@akleg.gov>; Rep. Neal Foster <Rep.Neal.Foster@akleg.gov>; Rep. Alyse Galvin <Rep.Alyse.Galvin@akleg.gov>; Rep. Andrew Gray <Rep.Andrew.Gray@akleg.gov>; Rep. Cliff Groh <Rep.Cliff.Groh@akleg.gov>; Rep. Sara Hannan <Rep.Sara.Hannan@akleg.gov>; Rep. Rebecca Himschoot <Rep.Rebecca.Himschoot@akleg.gov>; Rep. Craig Johnson <Rep.Craig.Johnson@akleg.gov>; Rep. Delena Johnson <Rep.Delena.Johnson@akleg.gov>; Rep. Andy Josephson <Rep.Andy.Josephson@akleg.gov>; Rep. Kevin McCabe <Rep.Kevin.McCabe@akleg.gov>; Rep. CJ McCormick <Rep.CJ.McCormick@akleg.gov>; Rep. Thomas McKay <Rep.Thomas.McKay@akleg.gov>; Rep. Donna Mears <Rep.Donna.Mears@akleg.gov>; Rep. Genevieve Mina <Rep.Genevieve.Mina@akleg.gov>; Rep. Daniel Ortiz <Rep.Daniel.Ortiz@akleg.gov>; Rep. Josiah Patkotak <Rep.Josiah.Patkotak@akleg.gov>; Rep. Mike Prax <Rep.Mike.Prax@akleg.gov>; Rep. George Rauscher <Rep.George.Rauscher@akleg.gov>; Rep. Justin Ruffridge <Rep.Justin.Ruffridge@akleg.gov>; Rep. Dan Saddler <Rep.Dan.Saddler@akleg.gov>; Rep. Calvin Schrage <Rep.Calvin.Schrage@akleg.gov>; Rep. Laddie Shaw <Rep.Laddie.Shaw@akleg.gov>; Rep. Will Stapp <Rep.Will.Stapp@akleg.gov>; Rep. Andi Story <Rep.Andi.Story@akleg.gov>; Rep. Louise Stutes <Rep.Louise.Stutes@akleg.gov>; Rep. Jesse Sumner <Rep.Jesse.Sumner@akleg.gov>; Rep. Cathy Tilton <Rep.Cathy.Tilton@akleg.gov>; Rep. Frank Tomaszewski <Rep.Frank.Tomaszewski@akleg.gov>; Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>; Rep. Stanley Wright <Rep.Stanley.Wright@akleg.gov>

**Subject:** Please reject HB 4

Ranked choice voting is simple and easy to understand. We all make choices every day: Do you want a soup or sandwich? If the available soup is one you don't like, then your second choice of a sandwich is what you choose.

The old system of closed primaries meant that what was often a small percentage of voters chose fringe candidates that really don't represent the majority of Alaskans or even the majority of their party members. That doesn't serve either party to have representatives so out of touch with the needs of Alaska.

Ranked choice was instituted by a fair voter initiative. To try to overturn that initiative by legislative act, subverts the obvious will of Alaskans.

Please reject HB 4  
Thanks for listening.  
Bob Frenchw



**Jake Almeida**

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**From:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2023 18:32  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** FW: My vote

**From:** Maureen Longworth <maureenlongworthak@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 12:58 PM  
**To:** Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** My vote

## Testimony against HB 4, May 11, 2023

I've been a faithful Alaskan voter for 30 years. During the last election I appreciated the diverse numerous candidates to choose from. I was able to find candidates who matched what I wanted even across party lines. It created more freedom in voting in ways I wouldn't have risked in our old system. We ended up with a diverse elected body of A conservative Republican, a moderate Republican and a Democrat, the three together reflect the Alaskan voters who elected them. This mix forces our representatives to work together, also across party lines, as they should in representing ALL of us

Like me, the majority of Alaskans chose open primaries and ranked choice voting. We voted it in. So please leave it in place. We are the same voters who elected you to represent us. Please represent us. That is your job.

Maureen Longworth  
PO Box 21084  
Juneau, AK 99802  
907-209-2005  
[MaureenLongworthAK@gmail.com](mailto:MaureenLongworthAK@gmail.com)

Maureen Longworth  
Sent from my iPhone

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2023 18:32  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** FW: HB4

**From:** christel@gci.net <christel@gci.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 1:05 PM  
**To:** Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** HB4

Shame on you for trying to repeal the will of the people. Typical Republican - Sore Losers!

Christel Petty

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Diane Schenker <diane.schenker@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 10, 2023 19:36  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Cc:** Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Jamie Allard; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. Andrew Gray; Rep. Cliff Groh; Rep. Laddie Shaw  
**Subject:** Please vote NO on HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee Members:

Please reject this attempt to repeal open primaries and ranked choice voting. Unlike our elected officials, I, like most Alaskan voters, do not belong to any political party and do not want political parties to regain the disproportionate weight they had in the past in determining my choices in the general election. According to the Division of Elections, nonpartisan and undeclared voters (256,000) outnumber Republican, Democrat and Alaska Independent voters combined. Only one political party is pushing this bill to reverse the will of the voters - the Republican party. Less than a quarter of our state's voters belong to the Republican party. [Division of Election voter registration data shows 142,170 registered Republicans out of 586,318 total registered voters as of April 2022.] Despite overwhelming opposition to this bill in public testimony, Republicans (only) continue pushing this unpopular, unwanted bill forward for more hearings.

I like allowing every voter, regardless of party affiliation, to have an equal say in who advances from an open primary to the general election. The ranked choice voting process was explained clearly and was easy to understand. Open primaries and ranked choice voting logically motivate candidates to appeal to a broader (less partisan) base, rather than having candidates pitching more extreme views to win a primary and then trying to come across as responsive to a broader audience in the general election. Who is opposed to encouraging candidates to be more honest and consistent about their positions throughout the entire campaign? Who is opposed to an approach that rewards moderation and inclusiveness instead of narrow partisanship? Ranked choice voting is also financially efficient, eliminating costly run-off elections.

Thank you in advance for respecting the will of the (overwhelmingly nonpartisan, independent) voters of Alaska and leaving in place the more inclusive and cost-efficient voting system we approved.

Diane Schenker  
diane.schenker@gmail.com

cc: Representative Laddie Shaw

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Linda Kruger <linda1aska2003@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 10, 2023 17:36  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Cc:** Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Jamie Allard; Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. Andrew Gray; Rep. Cliff Groh  
**Subject:** open primaries and ranked choice voting

I am opposed to HB 4 and urge you to vote against it. From my experience working early elections and on election day last year the new system worked quite well. Many people had done their homework and knew exactly what to expect. Others weren't quite sure but were open to walking through the poster materials that we had available. Some didn't realize that they had the option to vote in the old familiar way and just select their first choice. That is what some people chose to do. I worked 5-6 days a week during early voting and during my long days we never disqualified any ballots that had been voted. Some people needed a second or third ballot before they figured it out but we helped them work through the system so their votes all counted.

I encourage you to vote no and keep open voting and ranked choice. **Give** it more of a chance!

Linda Kruger  
3042 Nowell, Ave  
Juneau AK

[lindalaska2003@gmail.com](mailto:lindalaska2003@gmail.com)

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Allison Burand <arwood0309@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 10, 2023 17:35  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Cc:** Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Jamie Allard; Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. Andrew Gray; Rep. Cliff Groh  
**Subject:** Testimony - I oppose House Bill 4

To whom **it may** concern,

I am writing to express my opposition to House Bill 4. Members of the legislature should not take it upon themselves to undo or overturn the will of the voters. I oppose the movement to repeal open primaries and ranked choice voting. The people of Alaska have spoken and our representatives must listen.

Allie Burand  
Anchorage, AK  
Cell phone- 907-538-7525

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Scott Miller <scottysusan@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 10, 2023 10:48  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** HB4

I urge you to vote against HB 4.

Ranked choice voting was approved by a majority of Alaskans. This bill is nothing more than sour grapes from those who failed to see their extremist candidates elected.

Ranked choice voting allowed me to vote for the candidate of my choice for the first time in my life. And I've been voting since 1976. Usually, I've been obliged to vote for the least bad candidate that I thought had a chance of winning.

Ranked choice voting offers us real democracy, more varied candidates, real choice.

Contrary to what my representative, Mrs Vance, says, it is not confusing. It was not forced on us by a duplicitous campaign.

Ranked choice voting is good for Alaska. It is good for democracy.  
Please do not take this away from us.

Thank you,  
Scott Miller  
Homer, Ak  
907-399-8350

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** mtweiss@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mary Weiss  
<mtweiss@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2023 17:59  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

Representative.Andrew.Gray@akleg.gov

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely Mary Weiss  
3241 East 42nd Avenue  
Anchorage, Alaska 99508

Sincerely,  
Mary Weiss  
3241E 42nd Ave Anchorage, AK 99508-5416 mtweiss@alaska.edu

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Elesheva Tiner  
**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2023 16:52  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject** FW: House Bill 4 - Ranked Choice Voting

---Original Message-----

From: Kathy Morgan <kathy@tokak.us>  
Sent: Friday, May 12, 2023 11:24 PM  
To: Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: House Bill 4 - Ranked Choice Voting

Representative Vance:

I am writing in opposition to House Bill 4. I believe it is a better voting system than what we had before. I also am opposed to the legislature attempting to overturn the will of the people, the majority of whom voted in the ranked choice voting.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kathy I. Morgan  
Resident and registered voter of Tok, Alaska



## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 28, 2023 09:12  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** FW: Please help to keep Alaska's primaries open

-----Original Message-----

From: msellersak@everyactionadvocacy.com <msellersak@everyactionadvocacy.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, March 28, 2023 8:45 AM  
To: Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: Please help to keep Alaska's primaries open

Dear Representative Sarah Vance,

I am 61 years old and a long time Alaska resident. Ranked choice voting brings a sense of sanity, fairness and sustainability for democracy to our great state. This process allows, for the first time, a way to elect candidates that the majority of voters actually want to represent them. We select from a wide range of candidates and end up with someone who achieves support from over 50% of the voters. We get representatives who actually represent the voters. The previous system resulted in a selection between two (or possibly more) candidates selected by a minority of voters. The candidates tended to represent the extremes of each party. Then the voters selected between these choices, who may not represent the beliefs of the majority. With ranked choice voting I felt - for the first time - I was voting FOR someone rather than against a more extreme candidate. Please help us preserve a better way to promote democracy. Protect ranked choice voting.

Thank you!

Sincerely,  
Michael Sellers  
20767 Porcupine Ln Clam Gulch, AK 99568-9713 msellersak@hotmail.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Sent:** Monday, March 27, 2023 17:32  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** **FW: HB 4**

**From:** James Calhoun <calhounj52@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 13, 2023 11:50 AM  
**To:** Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** **HB 4**

Dear Ms. Vance•As a very long term resident of Homer I would like to inform you that I am very opposed to HB 4. I think that RCV will help give independent voters some say in our political process. Please represent all your constituents, not just republicans. Thank you James Calhoun.

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Sent:** Monday, March 27, 2023 17:30  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** FW; RCV

**From:** Anthony Lopez <lopez@alaska.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 31, 2023 5:00 PM  
**To:** Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** RCV

Dear Representative Vance,

You were on the Dwayne Bannock radio show a while back and I heard you say that repealing ranked choice voting is a priority. You said that you and a great number of your constituency found it to be confusing and frustrating. I am a member of that constituency and find it easy to understand. It also broadens my choice and voice in elections. Perhaps that is why you are against it. Surely you aren't suggesting that you and those who voted for you don't have the capability to figure it out.

I would like to go on record to say that I am opposed to any and all legislation with the intent to repeal/ replace the Ranked Choice Voting and the Open Primary.

Thank you,

Anthony Lopez

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Sent:** Monday, March 27, 2023 17:29  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** FW: RCV

-----Original Message-----

From: Lorri Davis <homesteadart@gmail.com>  
Sent: Sunday, February 5, 2023 9:43 PM  
To: Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: RCV

I know it's hard for a lot of Republicans to accept the fact that not everyone in this state likes extremism and extremist candidates. Time to face the fact that republicans had bad candidates on the ballot. Alaskans gave up on Palin and then Palin and Begich were at war. Peltola was a breath of fresh air to the Native community and moderate voters, who didn't feel we should be governed by religious, extremist candidates. I did rank Begich but not Palin. That's my right to vote how I want.

As far as the candidate choice, it's okay to be religious. I am, but I don't expect to make everyone around me believe what I believe. Palin and Tshibaska used very extremist rhetoric. This is the truth. What I'm finding hard to accept about the NEW republicans in our government is the amount of lying and deception that goes on while praising Jesus. Not a good look.

Ranked Choice Voting gives everyone a chance. Maybe you don't care for that. It seems the complainers are mostly republicans because they lost. Check out what happened across the country. Alaska followed that trend. We're sick of trumpety people. The Republican Party needs to figure this out. It's a disaster!

I'm for ranked choice voting. RCV is not hard or confusing. What I hear you all saying is, Alaskans were too stupid to figure it out. Actually, it was Republicans didn't like who we voted for.

Prayer for Republicans: Create in me a clean heart, oh God and renew a right spirit within me.

Sincerely,  
Lorri Davis

Sent from my iPhone

**Jake Almeida**

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**From:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Sent** Monday, March 27, 2023 17:26  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject** FW: Ranked Choice Voting

**From:** mary griswold <mgrt@xyz.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 3, 2023 8:13 PM  
**To:** Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Ranked Choice Voting

Please appreciate that I enthusiastically support Ranked Choice Voting and open primaries. These provide opportunity for the best and most-favored candidates to rise to the top. I especially like that my second choice candidate has a chance of being elected if my first choice fails to impress enough voters. RCV promotes consensus instead of polarity and gives me hope that we can work together in spite of our differences.

Mary Griswold  
Homer

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Sent** Monday, March 27, 2023 17:25  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** FW: Ranked Choice Voting

**From:** James Urech <jamesurech@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 6, 2023 8:39 PM  
**To:** Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Ranked Choice Voting

Dear Rep. Vance,

My name is James Urech, and I am writing to you to urge you to oppose any effort to repeal Alaska's Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) system this legislative session.

RCV cools down politics by eliminating partisan primaries. Partisan primaries encourage candidates to appeal only to their partisan base, especially in heavily Republican and heavily Democratic areas. RCV ensures that candidates are always liable to all voters, rejecting the extremist wings of both parties.

By encouraging candidates to listen to all of their constituents, RCV produces legislators that are willing to work across the aisle to get things done. The current Alaska legislature is proof of that, as both chambers are run by bipartisan coalitions focused on improving the lives of everyday Alaskans.

RCV is simple to teach to voters, as proven by the results of the 2022 elections. Thousands of Alaskans learned how to use RCV in a matter of months, and they lead their second or third choice candidates to victory for the US House, US Senate, and over half a dozen state legislative seats.

Alaska voters made their voices heard when they supported the system in 2020. Ballot initiatives are the purest form of democracy, and they should supersede any legislative action. The only way that a repeal of RCV should pass is through another ballot initiative, but I hope I have convinced you to oppose any such measure.

Thank you for your time,

James Urech



Kenai Peninsula Votes  
60621 Bear Creek Drive  
Homer, AK 99603  
[kenaiopeninsulavotesra@gmail.com](mailto:kenaiopeninsulavotesra@gmail.com)

March 8, 2023

Dear Representative Vance,

As registered voters, we strongly favor keeping our new election system in place as the majority approved in the 2020 election.

We support open primaries and Ranked Choice Voting. These two components of voting provide voters more choices and better representation. With a greater pool of candidates to choose from, as opposed to choosing a political party, competition is encouraged, and a candidate's qualities are emphasized.

Open primaries are a one-ballot system, which eliminates confusion of which ballot a voter gets and allows all to vote their choice regardless of party affiliation. In the Ranked Choice general election, voters then have the option to rank, or not, up to four candidates. Winning candidates require 50% plus one vote. This type of voting system encourages a healthier democracy.

Open primaries and Ranked Choice Voting have the potential to encourage greater voter participation. Of the 603,958 registered Alaskan voters in 2022, 54% are either nonpartisan or undeclared.

Respectfully,

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| Alex Koplin            | Michele Vasquez  | carol Swartz       | Jim Barkman         |
| Angie Newby            | Michelle Michaud | Carole Adams       | Jim <b>Lavrakas</b> |
| Ann Dixon              | Nell Gustafson   | Christine Theno    | Joyce Steward       |
| Cathleen Rolph         | Robert L Andree  | Clyde Boyer        | Judith Miller       |
| Christopher Newby      | Ron Keffer       | Deborah Smith      | Julia Person        |
| Cindy Koplin           | Sandra Garity    | Donald Reed        | Karen Murdock       |
| Cynthia Morelli        | Therese          | Elizabeth (Liz)    | Kat Haber           |
| Elizabeth (Anne) Flint | Lewandowski      | Downing            | Kathleen Dinius     |
| Jack Wiles             | Ann Hackett      | Erin Mckittrick    | Kathryn Carsow      |
| Jane Handy             | Ann Keffer       | Evelyn Waltenbaugh | Kathy Sams Irwin    |
| Judy Andree            | Anne Wieland     | Francie Roberts    | Ken Landfield       |
| Kathy Smith            | Art Koeninger    | Gary Fandel        | Kenneth Adams       |
| Lynda (Lani)           | Barb Angaiak     | Gary Waltenbaugh   | Louise Ashmun       |
| Raymond                | Bill Marshall    | Hal Smith MD       | Margaret (Mel)      |
| Laurie Daniel          | Bob Shavelson    | Holly Van Pelt     | Langdon             |
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| Martin Zeller          | Jill Burnham            | Shirley Pittz              | Claudia Haines         |
| Mary Griswold          | LaDawn Druce            | Virginia (Ginger) Drais    | Kellie Steiner Kelso   |
| Michael A LeMay        | Larry Hoare             | Virginia Cuffe             | Leeann (Sheree) Serio  |
| Milli Martin           | Marga M. Raskin         | <b>William</b> (Bill) Bell | Leslie Whip            |
| Nina Faust             | Michael Haines          | Ann Fraser                 | <b>Michael O'Meara</b> |
| Pat Irwin              | <b>Michael Hawfield</b> | Beverly Cronen             | Margaret Lourigan      |
| Paul Allan             | Peggy Mullen            | Bridget Maryott            | Jeanne Parker          |
| Paul Knight            | Steve Gibson            | Charles M. Pate            | Kaye Waldsmith         |
| Paul Seaton            | Steve Theno             | Clayton Smith              | Judy Gonsalves         |
| Paula Riley            | Sue Christiansen        | Colleen Sinnott            | Ahnie Litecky          |
| Poppy Benson           | Terri Spigelmyer        | Dale Banks                 | Osi Kaspi              |
| Richard Gustafson      | Andy Haas               | David G. Lewis             | Mary Daniel            |
| Rika Mouw              | Arlene Ronda            | Elaine Pate                | Ouida Parker           |
| Rita Pfenninger        | Barbara Veeck           | Frederick Foster           | Patricia Forquer       |
| Robert (Gordy)         | Cooper Freeman          | <b>James</b> Lee Kenshalo  | Karla Barkman          |
| Vernon                 | Jennifer Edwards        | Janna Miller               | Patty Shroy            |
| Robert Cole            | Josephine Ryan          | John Shows                 | Daniel Layland         |
| Ron Downing            | Leah Lamdin             | Judith Mitchell            | Bob Mccard             |
| Sara Jackinsky         | Lela Ryterski           | Kathleen Eagle             | Devry Garity           |
| Sheila Kormos          | Lewis Koplín            | Leslie Lord-Coffing        | Jeff Cundiff           |
| Stuart Schmutzler      | Louis Dupree            | Michelle Smith             | Jon Lillevik           |
| Susan {Susie}          | William F. Morse        | Patti Truesdell            | JoAnn Hagen            |
| Amundson               | Debbie Oudiz            | Ruth Alvarez               | Elaine Larson          |
| Susan Mclane           | Luana Stovel            | Sammy Crawford             | William Wiebe          |
| Timothy Whip           | Tom Collopy             | Sandra Sterling            | Roger A. Watney        |
| Tina Seaton            | Andy Klamser            | Stephanie Silianoff        | Mark Larson            |
| Vivian Finlay          | Barbara (Barb)          | Wendy Wayne                | Elizabeth S. Watney,   |
| Wayne Aderhold         | Belluomini              | Willy Dunne                | <b>LCSW</b>            |
| Winter Marshall-       | Carolyn (Lyn) Maslow    | Elizabeth Graber           | John Bithos            |
| Allen                  | Christine Kenshalo      | Jeffrey M. Serio           | Nancy Bithos           |
| Barbara Christian      | Dan Lush                | Lois Pillifant             | Pamela Brodie          |
| Caroline Venuti        | Frances (Fran) Haines   | Mike Coffing               | Rhoda Roedl            |
| David C. Raskin, Ph.D. | Kathy Robinson          | Pamela A. Hays, PhD        | Kira Stuart            |
| Elizabeth Whip         | Laura Sievert           | Sandra Lewis               | Olga von Ziegesar      |
| Florence (Flo) Larson  | Mary Lou Kelsey         | Shannon Dewyer             | Jane Wiebe             |
| Franco Venuti          | Michael Yourkowski      | Trisha Davis               |                        |
| James Lunny            | Roy J. Wilson           | Zen Kelly                  |                        |



## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Sent:** Friday, March 24, 2023 15:50  
**To:** House Judiciary; House State Affairs  
**Subject:** FW: I oppose HB 1, HB 4 and SB 2

-----Original Message-----

From: trosszone@everyactionadvocacy.com <trosszone@everyactionadvocacy.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2023 1:51 PM  
To: Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: I oppose HB 1, HB 4 and SB 2

Dear Representative Sarah Vance,

I'm writing to show my support for Open Primaries and Ranked-Choice Voting. In 2020, the majority of Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing RCV and switching back to the old system would not only be confusing for voters, but it would also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave RCV intact. This system is superior to the old one and enfranchises more choices for the people especially those excluded from the previous closed primaries.

Sincerely,  
John Dodge  
PO Box 2532 Homer, AK 99603-2532  
trosszone@yahoo.com

**Jake Almeida**

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**From:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Sent:** Friday, March 24, 2023 15:49  
**To:** House Judiciary; House State Affairs  
**Subject** FW: I oppose HB 1, HB 4 and SB 2

-----Original Message-----

From: Cleanecaffeine@everyactionadvocacy.com <Cleanecaffeine@everyactionadvocacy.com>  
Sent: Thursday, February 9, 2023 10:12 AM  
To: Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: I oppose HB 1, HB 4 and SB 2

Dear Representative Sarah Vance,

I'm writing to show my support for Open Primaries and Ranked-Choice Voting. In 2020, the majority of Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. Repealing RCV and switching back to the old system would not only be confusing for voters, but it would also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave RCV intact.

Sincerely,  
Lori Stephenson  
945 Ben Walters Ct Homer, AK 99603-7755 Cleanecaffeine@earthlink.net

**Jake Almeida**

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**From:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Sent:** Friday, March 24, 2023 15:35  
**To:** House State Affairs; House Judiciary  
**Subject:** FW: I oppose HB 1, HB 4 and SB 2

-----Original Message-----

From: thinicedance@everyactionadvocacy.com <thinicedance@everyactionadvocacy.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, March 1, 2023 6:24 PM  
To: Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: I oppose HB 1, HB 4 and SB 2

Dear Representative Sarah Vance,

I'm writing to show my support for Open Primaries and Ranked-Choice Voting. In 2020, the majority of Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing RCV and switching back to the old system would not only be confusing for voters, but it would also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave RCV intact.

Sincerely,  
Leslie Slater  
PO Box 2316 Homer, AK 99603-2316  
thinicedance@gmail.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Sent:** Friday, March 24, 2023 15:29  
**To:** House State Affairs; House Judiciary  
**Subject:** FW: I oppose HB 1, HB 4 and SB 2

-----Original Message-----

From: scottysusan@everyactionadvocacy.com <scottysusan@everyactionadvocacy.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, March 8, 2023 12:35 PM  
To: Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: I oppose HB 1, HB 4 and SB 2

Dear Representative Sarah Vance,

Our first ranked choice voting opportunity was wonderful. I'm 66 years old and this was the first election where I could actually vote my conscience instead of picking the least bad with the best chance.

I'm writing to show my support for Open Primaries and Ranked-Choice Voting. In 2020, the majority of Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. Repealing RCV and switching back to the old system would not only be confusing for voters, but it would also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave RCV intact.

Sincerely,  
Scott Miller  
PO Box 2457 Homer, AK 99603-2457  
scottysusan@gmail.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 12:05  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** FW: Keep Ranked Choice Voting!

From: Taylor Lathrop <tsltay@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 6:43 PM  
**To:** tsltay@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Keep Ranked Choice Voting!

Voters approved Ranked Choice Voting, and it is not up to the legislature to decide to repeal it.

Ranked choice is nonpartisan. It is fair and allows people to vote on issues, instead of for or against political parties!

Please stop this assault on the power of people's votes. Do not repeal Ranked Choice Voting.

Thank you,  
Taylor Lathrop  
Homer, Alaska

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 12:05  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** FW: Ranked choice voting

**From:** Jerid E. Krulish <jekrulish@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 5:48 PM

**To:** Rep. laddie Shaw <Rep.laddie.Shaw@akleg.gov>

**Cc:** Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>; Rep. Jamie Allard <Rep.Jamie.Allard@akleg.gov>; Rep. Ben Carpenter <Rep.Ben.Carpenter@akleg.gov>; Rep. Craig Johnson <Rep.Craig.Johnson@akleg.gov>; Rep. David Eastman <Rep.David.Eastman@akleg.gov>; Rep. Andrew Gray <Rep.Andrew.Gray@akleg.gov>; Rep. Cliff Groh <Rep.Cliff.Groh@akleg.gov>

**Subject:** Ranked choice voting

Dear Honorable Representatives Shaw, Vance, Allard, Carpenter, Johnson, Eastman, Gray, and Groh,

I am a resident of South Anchorage in Hon. Rep. Shaw's district, and I understand that the other representatives addressed here are serving on the committee to consider repealing ranked choice voting.

I am writing to urge you to support the continuation of ranked choice voting (RCV) in Alaska. RCV has proven to be a successful way to ensure that voters have a greater voice in our democracy, while promoting greater fairness and diversity in our elections.

RCV has ensured that our votes are not wasted if our first-choice candidate doesn't win. RCV also encourages candidates to appeal to a broader range of voters, as they need to earn the support of voters beyond just their base in order to win. This can help to reduce polarization and promote greater civility in our political discourse, something which is desperately needed. Too many politicians are seeking to be appealing to the most extreme elements of our society, and it has not been a wise decision.

Furthermore, RCV has proven to be a cost-effective way to run elections. By eliminating the need for costly run-off elections, it saves taxpayers money and ensures that more resources can be devoted to other important public priorities. I do not believe that anyone should become a representative with less than a 50% vote. The "horse race" approach is extremely unwise; a candidate could theoretically have very low support among voters and still win. Someone with 20% of the vote cannot honestly claim to represent his or her district.

I believe that keeping RCV in Alaska is critical to ensuring that our elections are representative of the will of the people. I urge you to support the continuation of RCV in Alaska.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,

Jerid Krulish  
2720 Legacy Dr.  
Anchorage

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Rev. Jerid Krulish  
Pastor, Faith Presbyterian Church, Anchorage, AK

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 12:03  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** FW: Ranked Choice Voting

-----Original Message-----

From: Nancy Hjelm <nhjelm@acsalaska.net>  
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2023 4:20 PM  
To: Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: Ranked Choice Voting

I am contacting you to tell you that I support ranked choice voting. The people of Alaska voted for this election process and it should remain as our election system. It is the people's choice, not the choice of a committee. It is a fair and non political election system that should remain in place.

I am also in favor of the increase in education funding in the Base Student Allocation. I would favor an increase of more than \$680. Our education system needs to meet inflation.

I am in support of a better and reformed retirement system for teachers and other state workers. We need to retain these important workers and a fair and better retirement is needed.

I am also in favor of a smaller PFD. The economics don't work to give a large PFD at the expense of cutting important programs and using up our state savings.

Thank you.

Nancy Hjelm  
Alaska resident since 1976



## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 12:03  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** FW: I oppose repeal of ranked choice voting.

**From:** Mark Turner <harpethnarrows@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 3:51 PM  
**To:** Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** I oppose repeal of ranked choice voting.

Rep. Vance,

The people have spoken. Ranked choice voting is the law of the land. You cannot find any legitimate weakness in it versus traditional party primaries. In fact, it has strengths that increase the voice of the electorate. It is clear this effort to repeal it is a matter of preference for Republican Party power, rather than honoring the voice of the people. Desist and kill this bill.

Mark Turner  
Homer

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 12:02  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** FW: hb4

**From:** Dona Holliman <holliman@gci.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 3:34 PM  
**To:** judiciary@akleg.gov  
**Cc:** Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>; Rep. Jamie Allard <Rep.Jamie.Allard@akleg.gov>; Rep. Ben Carpenter <Rep.Ben.Carpenter@akleg.gov>; Rep. Craig Johnson <Rep.Craig.Johnson@akleg.gov>; Rep. David Eastman <Rep.David.Eastman@akleg.gov>; Rep. Andrew Gray <Rep.Andrew.Gray@akleg.gov>; Rep. Cliff Groh <Rep.Cliff.Groh@akleg.gov>; 9075708017@mms.cricketwireless.net  
**Subject:** hb 4

we must keep rank choice vote in place.

it is fair to all to be able to vote for the person who you think will do the best for the people not the party,

**Jake Almeida**

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**From:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 12:02  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** FW: House Bill 4

**From:** Trouba Door <trouba93@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 2:57 PM  
**To:** Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** House Bill 4

Hi,

My name is Debbie McKay. I have lived in Kenai, Alaska for 35 years and I oppose House Bill 4.

I believe the ranked choice voting worked extremely well and that the Division of Elections did a great job of explaining how the new system worked ahead of the elections. I support open primaries. No matter what party I am affiliated with, I should have the choice to support the candidate that is most closely aligned with my values. Sometimes that's a democrat, sometimes it's a republican, sometimes an independent.

The voters have spoken on this issue and made their position clear. I hope the legislature will respect the voters' will and will commit to supporting the choices we've made at the ballot box. I thank you for your time.

Debbie McKay  
55441Chinook Rd  
Kenai, Alaska 99611  
907 776 5745

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 12:02  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** FW: support for ranked-choice voting

-----Original Message-----

From: John Pender <pender@mosquitonet.com>  
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2023 2:42 PM  
To: Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: support for ranked-choice voting

Good day-

I have been voting in Alaska for 50 years and I have never been so pleased as when I first voted in an open primary and then a ranked-choice election in 2022. This is the best voting system I have ever seen or even heard of, so it surprises me not one little bit that the people who lost their elections last year are unhappy with the system.

Alaskans have an open primary and the ranked-choice system because Alaskans voted to put this system in place. Do not thwart the will of the people by reverting to the old system by doing a legislative end run.

Sincerely,

John Pender  
1668 Skyflight Ave  
Fairbanks, AK 99709

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 12:01  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** FW: Comments on HB4: 5B138

From: Michelle Sparck <Michelle.Sparck@citci.org>

**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 2:22 PM

To: Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>; Rep. Jamie Allard <Rep.Jamie.Allard@akleg.gov>; Rep. Ben Carpenter <Rep.Ben.Carpenter@akleg.gov>; Rep. Craig Johnson <Rep.Craig.Johnson@akleg.gov>; Rep. David Eastman <Rep.David.Eastman@akleg.gov>; Rep. Andrew Gray <Rep.Andrew.Gray@akleg.gov>; Rep. Cliff Groh <Rep.Cliff.Groh@akleg.gov>

**Subject:** Comments on **HB4: S8138**

To the Honorable Committee Members of the House Judiciary Committee:

My name is Michelle Sparck, my Cup'ik name is Macuar and I am a member of the Qissunamiut Tribe of Chevak. I grew up in Bethel and have worked in politics my whole adult life. I am pleased to provide some observations to the Committee on our experience with the new election law, and how it pertains to HB4 under your consideration.

Get Out the Native Vote is a non-partisan statewide voter education organization housed under the Cook Inlet Tribal Council based out of Anchorage, and as its first ever director, we are proud to say that GOTNV was instrumental in assisting the Lt. Governor's office, the Division of Elections in improving operations in a number of the 131 precincts out of the 401 that rely on the U.S. Postal Service for delivery of election equipment and the close out process. We also assisted in the recruitment of emergency election workers, and surmounting a few other systemic barriers that are inherent in the challenging geography, and the cultural and language hurdles in our state.

As I'm sure you would agree, three statewide elections in six months was a marathon of voter engagement, and we'd like to share how we fared under the new voting law's first application in the 2022 election cycle. Having only 90 days to prepare for a new and unexpected statewide election was a challenge to us all in the passing of Congressman Don Young, and the Rural Native districts suffered consequences in the all by-mail ballot process. For House District 38 alone, we had an 11.29% ballot rejection rate, and nearly 1,200 ballots thrown out for House Districts 36-40. Perhaps most ballots went uncounted because of problems with information on the envelope, incorrect identifiers or a lack of a witness signature, but we remain concerned of how Saturday operations of the Postal Service in some precincts may have played a role in the rejection of 1,897 for having their ballot postmarked after election day.

However, we are comfortable contending that the qualities of the new election law did not factor into the rejection rate. While it may have been overwhelming for Alaskans to see 48 names on the special primary ballot, the Native community had already

supported the concept of an open primary for a dozen years. The Delegates to the 2011 Alaska Federation of Natives convention passed resolution 10, encouraging Alaskans to opt in as "undeclared" so they could choose the primaries they wished to participate in, while urging the Governor to provide In Person Absentee voting in the **villages**, and to have the Legislature allow for election day voter registration.

Consequently, we feel the pick-one open primary showed a representation rarely seen by our community, we had four Alaska Natives run for office, and two of them made the top five highest vote getters.

In 2015, AFN also passed a resolution supporting the Permanent Fund Dividend Voter Registration Initiative. Automatic Voter Registration is an amazing program, one that may be taken for granted, but one we cannot afford to lose as we work toward encouraging voter turnout.

Ranked Choice Voting does require a learning curve, and though it would have been a challenge to rank four candidates in our first experience, the fact that a candidate withdrew to have his name taken off the ballot made RCV a lot easier to explain where the least vote getter in the Special Election faced elimination, and so long as their supporter ranked at least a second choice, they remained involved in the instant run-off between the two remaining candidates. The law does not force voters to rank more than one choice, and exhausted ballots are a personal choice for voters who choose not to rank beyond their preferred candidate. To GOTNV, every vote counts, but we did observe that House Districts 36-40 only suffered 99 rejection ballots in this round. We also saw an increase of voter turnout by 4,526 over the June performance.

In our second experience with RCV in the mid-terms, HD36-40 had an even greater turnout of 6,819 more voters from the August special election, and a ballot rejection rate of 199. RCV did not seem to be a deterrent to voting, and voters did not suffer the same rate of rejection in either RCV ballots as we did with the all by mail special primary.

Perhaps the Native community may still need time for better consensus on the new election law; however, in the meantime, we are going about our duty to improve outreach and voter education in the lead up to the next statewide elections.

Quyana, thank you for your time.

Michelle

Michelle (Macuar) Sparck

Director of Strategic Initiatives

CITC: Get Out the Native Vote

3600 San Jeronimo Drive

Anchorage, AK 99508

907-793-3639 Office

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 12:00  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** FW: Ranked choice voting

••••Original Message••••

From: Dianne Spence-Chorman <diannespence@gmail.com>  
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2023 2:21 PM  
To: Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>  
Subject: Ranked choice voting

Greetings Sarah,

I would like to go on record as being very much in favor of ranked choice voting. As an undeclared voter, I feel that this system is finally giving me a voice in Alaska politics. Please vote no on HB 4, or withdraw it from consideration, if that is possible.

Thank you,

L Dianne Spence-Chorman

Sent from my iPhone

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 12:00  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** FW: HB-4

From: Peter McKay <mckayped@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 2:09 PM  
**To:** Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** HB-4

Representative Vance,  
I am a voter from Nikiski.  
I live off the Spur highway near mile 32.

I really like the recently enacted Rank Choice Voting.  
Ranked Choice Voting has restored my faith in our elections, and I feel that it has given the power of choice back to the people.

Ranked Choice Voting was enacted by voter initiative. It wasn't even close. The people spoke. HB-4, the bill you are considering and may vote, on would undo the choice of the people of Alaska. This bill should not be considered. Drop the bill in the trash.

Respectfully,  
Peter E. McKay  
[mckayped@yahoo.com](mailto:mckayped@yahoo.com)



## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 11:55  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** FW: Opposition to House Bill 4.

-----Original Message-----

From: matt nicolai <mnicolai@live.com>  
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2023 2:00 PM  
To: Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>; Rep. Jamie Allard <RepJamie.Allard@akleg.gov>; Rep. Ben Carpenter <Rep.Ben.carpenter@akleg.gov>; Rep. Craig Johnson <Rep.CraigJohnson@akleg.gov>; Rep. David Eastman <Rep.David.Eastman@akleg.gov>; Rep. Andrew Gray <Rep.Andrew.Gray@akleg.gov>; Rep. Cliff Groh <Rep.Cliff.Groh@akleg.gov>  
Cc: Rep. Calvin Schrage <Rep.Calvin.Schrage@akleg.gov>  
Subject: Opposition to House Bill 4.

Members of the Alaska Legislature, Judiciary Committee, I am a long time voter since 1972. I reside in House 8739 Sahalee Drive, Anchorage, AK 99507, House District 12. When the Ranked Choice Voting signature drive was presented to voters all across Alaska I voted against it. I was not in favor of it and I was very vocal in my Yupik language asking voters not to approve it.

Now I fully understand the intent, I reversed by position, I am a supporter of Ranked Choice Voting in Alaska, it is fair and just for all voters. I urge members of the Judiciary Committee not forward the House Bill 4. It should be defeated nor should it be forwarded out of the committee. Legal challenge was unsuccessful challenging the ranked choice voting,

Please do not support House Bill 4.

Thank you

Matthew Nicolai  
Voter from House District 12.

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Sent** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 11:55  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** FW: I oppose HB 4

From: Lei B <lxb312@gmail.com>  
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2023 1:59 PM  
To: Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>; Rep. David Eastman <Rep.David.Eastman@akleg.gov>; Rep. Andrew Gray <Rep.Andrew.Gray@akleg.gov>; Rep. Cliff Groh <Rep.Cliff.Groh@akleg.gov>  
Cc: House Judiciary <House.Judiciary@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Hi,  
My name is Lejla Berberovic and I reside in Anchorage. I am opposed to House Bill 4 and urge legislators to respect the will of the voters, and not vote to overturn a citizens' initiative at the earliest opportunity.  
Open primaries and ranked choice voting are citizen driven topics that have benefited all citizens to have a more equitable voice and **stake** in their government.

Thank you,  
Lejla Berberovic, LCSW  
Anchorage AK 99515

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 11:54  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** FW: Ranked Choice Voting

**From:** John W Blaine <jblaine@arctic.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 1:45 PM  
**To:** Rep. Sarah Vance <Rep.Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** Ranked Choice Voting

Please support ranked choice voting. It is not confusing. It works for everyone.

Thank you,

John Blaine  
2200 Susitna Dr  
Anchorage,AK.99517

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** geminipsyche@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Erin Michael  
<geminipsyche@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 12:26  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

**Dear** House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Erin Michael  
106 N 2nd St Petersburg, AK 99833  
geminipsyche@hotmail.com

RE: HB4

We have voted to improve our democratic process through Ranked Choice Voting. Our elections are more inclusive and have been made more competitive because of it. The people's voice has been heard, rather than that of a Party Boss.

The rationale to repeal RCV, because it is too complicated or elections are being rigged, is without merit. I am 75 and found RCV does take a little time to understand, however, I found it well worth the time and effort.

In my opinion HB4 undermines democracy and is a total waste of time and taxpayers' money. Many issues need to be addressed including: affordable housing, homelessness, infrastructure, domestic violence, the budget, etc.

Doug Van Patten

Homer

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** meaha@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Chung Ha  
<meaha@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 12:30  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Chung Ha  
8701 Jupiter Or Anchorage, AK 99507-3709 meaha@gci.net

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Mark Desinger <mdesinger@gci.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 12:32  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Cc:** Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Iddie Shaw; Rep. Jamie Allard; Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. Andrew Gray; Rep. Cliff Groh  
**Subject:** House Bill 4

Following is the text of my prepared oral testimony that I gave at the first hearing on HB4. I was unable to get through it all due to running against the 2 minute limit. Accordingly, I am submitting this in writing.

Hello, I'm Mark Desinger from Anchorage. I have voted in every election that I have been eligible to vote in since 1971. Following is why I oppose House Bill 4.

Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) results in the winner being the person with the most support across the entire electorate which may not be the one favored by the most passionate base - the Silent Majority wins if you will.

I believe campaigns under Ranked Choice system are more civil with less negativity. Peltola's campaign is a perfect example of this.

RCV reduces exhausted votes: for instance, in the Alaskan election, even though my first-choice candidate might not have won, all my votes were eventually counted. Furthermore, in none of the races did I feel like I needed to vote against somebody; all my votes were for a candidate. Lastly, I did not have to game the system to vote for whom I thought the *umost* electable"; I just voted for whom I thought was best.

RCV eliminates the need for run-off elections because the run off happens immediately. This spares the hassle to the voter to have to vote at two different times and lessens the cost to the State because the election happens at only once. The results are known more quickly than those from run-off elections.

The position that RCV is complicated is false, it isn't any more complicated than the Title Company making me sign the paperwork Mark Stephen Desinger rather than just my first name. Polls support this.

The position that it will be more expensive is false; Alaska has already paid for the upgraded equipment and training needed to conduct RCV. It's actually cheaper because there are no run-off elections.

The position that it helps only one political party at the expense of the other is false; the structure is apolitical. The winners in Alaska's last election are evidence: Dunleavy - conservation Republican; Murkowski - moderate Republican and Peltola - a moderate Democrat. Furthermore, it is instructive that Republicans are crying foul in Alaska and the Democrats are crying foul in Nevada. I think the real reason for HB4 is RCV weakens the power of the political parties.

The position that RCV delays the results is false; no election that I have participated in have had the results the next day - the results are always at least a week later. I think the confusion comes from various organizations "calling the election" a few hours after the polls close using statistics on preliminary results and that these predictions are often accurate. These predictions are not the results.

The position that the person with the most votes can lose is based on the mistaken viewpoint that only the first round is "real" and the subsequent rounds are "changing the outcome". Even in the traditional voting method, the person with the most votes in the first election can lose in the run-off. An example of that was when Murkowski beat Miller in the 2010 Senate election after losing the primary.

I am disappointed that this bill to overturn the will of the people came at the very next legislative session. I hope that you all vote no on HB4. Thanks.

Mark Desinger

[mdesinger@gci.net](mailto:mdesinger@gci.net)

907.350.5027 (m)

*"Us Mathematicians don't need no English"* (Anonymous)



## Jake Almeida

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**From:** tara@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Tara Chrisman  
<tara@everyactioncustom.com >  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 12:35  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HS 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I am writing in opposition of HB4. I support open primaries and Ranked Choice Voting, It would be a very bad choice to repeal RCV after the money and reosurces we spent to implement the new voting system. Ranked choice voting is the most fair and equitable choice for Alaska and it promotes independence outside of the confines of a two-party system. Please leave ranked-choice voting intact.

Sincerely,  
Tara Chrisman  
1520 24th Ave Fairbanks, AK 99701-6460  
tara@fbxclimateaction.org

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** jonathonxm@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jonathon Marsh  
<jonathonxm@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent** Thursday, May 11, 2023 12:36  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and time. The people have already spoken. Trying to pass this bill is just trying to undo the results that Alaskans have already voted on. It's nodifferent than efforts trying to undo the 2020 election.

Sincerely,  
Jonathon Marsh  
10311 Betula Dr Anchorage, AK 99507-4140 jonathonxm@gmail.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** czherriges@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Carol Herriges  
<czherriges@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 12:38  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I oppose House Bill 4. I support open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for the new system. As the majority of Alaskan voters are unaffiliated voters, repealing ranked choice voting and switching back to the old system would not only cost our state money and resources, it would also break faith with the majority of voters in this state: those who wish not to be forced to associate their vote with a party, rather than a person. Please focus on our economy, the education of our children, and the long-term effects of your actions during this legislative session, and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Carol Herriges  
6471N Talgach View Dr Wasilla, AK 99654-9039 czherriges@gmail.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** rikamouw@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of **Rika Mouw**  
<rikamouw@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 12:43  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

To the entire House of Representatives,

I am adamantly opposed to HB 4. The majority of voters voted for Ranked Choice Voting. Repeal of RCV, the will of the voters, is not only playing deaf to the majority, it is a slap in the face and only drives people apart rather than finding common values.

I live in Representative Vance's district and do not feel she is representing her constituency equally. I am FOR open primaries and ranked choice voting because I like being able to vote for an open slate of candidates and not be pigeon-holed by a particular party affiliation. Ranked choice voting is open, fair and less costly for the state.

I was able to vote on both sides of the aisle for the person who I felt was the most qualified and best represented what I felt was best for the state more broadly.

RCV is less costly, more open and works towards a common ground.

Please do not go back on the majority of Alaskan voters wishes to initiate RCV. We voted for a more open and less divisive voting process.

Thank you.

**Rika Mouw**

Sincerely,

Rika Mouw

PO Box 4084 Homer, AK 99603-4084

rikamouw@gmail.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** g@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Gay Wellman <g@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 12:41  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** J oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. Ranked-voting is a much more democratic and fair way to allow voters to be sure our choices are represented. I am expecting you as representative to work to protect our rights as voters rather than getting upset when your "side" doesn't "win". In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Gay Wellman  
HC 60 Box 227 Copper Center, AK 99573-9703 g@wel.m.us

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** cgolnick@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Christine Golnick  
<cgolnick@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 12:44  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

As I expressed before, I'm writing in strong opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Thank you  
Christine Golnick

Sincerely,  
Christine Golnick  
12020 Victor Rd Anchorage, AK 99515-3105 cgolnick@icloud.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Santa Claus <santaclaus@usa.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 12:51  
**To:** House Judiciary; Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Jamie Allard; Rep. Ben Carpenter, Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. Andrew Gray; Rep. Cliff Groh  
**Subject:** TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 4.

TESTIMONY ON HOUSE BILL 4: IN OPPOSmON TO RCV

Chairman Vance and Committee Members:

This is Santa Claus from North Pole, writing to oppose House Bill 4 and to support retaining Ranked Choice Voting and open primaries in Alaska.

Prior to RCV, the Republican and Democratic Parties monopolized our elections, controlled the primaries, and decided who ran and who didn't, even when there were plenty of other qualified candidates.

We should have an opportunity to choose a candidate who best represents our values and interests, especially if our candidate has tremendous grass-roots support, but may not have a huge cash war chest, a political Party's endorsement, or out-of-state financial support.

Knowing they are ranked, all candidates become less divisive during campaigning. And, there are no "run off" election expenses.

RCV reduces partisanship, encourages more candidates to run, including independents, boosts voter turnout, and takes power away from special interests and out-of-state influence. That's why a majority of Alaskan voters already approved Ranked Choice Voting and open primaries.

I oppose House Bill 4, and I support Ranked Choice Voting and open primaries.

Thank you all for your consideration.

**Santa Claus**  
North Pole, AK 99705-0122

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** mandy.seymour@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Amanda Seymour  
<mandy.seymour@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 12:51  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Amanda Seymour  
1816 Westview Cir Anchorage, AK 99504-2936 mandy.seymour@gmail.com



## Jake Almeida

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**From:** mcolson101@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Marcia Colson <mcolson101@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 12:51  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Marcia Colson  
22124 Davidson Dr Chugiak, AK 99567-5281 mcolson101@yahoo.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** krazycas42@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Casimir Abramczyk <krazycas42@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 12:52  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HS 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Casimir Abramczyk  
6737 Sherri St Juneau, AK 99801-9443  
krazycas42@yahoo.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** nellegreene@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Nelle Jurgeleit-Greene  
<nellegreene@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 12:54  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Nelle Jurgeleit-Greene  
3440 Mud Bay Rd Haines, AK 99827  
nellegreene@yahoo.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** pboos@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Paul Boos  
<pboos@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 12:54  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Paul Boos  
HCG0 Box 336E Copper Center, AK 99573  
pboos@cvinternet.net

**Jake Almeida**

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**From:** Maureen Longworth <maureenlongworthak@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 12:57  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** My vote

## Testimony against HB 4, May 11, 2023

I've been a faithful Alaskan voter for 30 years. During the last election I appreciated the diverse numerous candidates to choose from. I was able to find candidates who matched what I wanted even across party lines. It created more freedom in voting in ways I wouldn't have risked in our old system. We ended up with a diverse elected body of A conservative Republican, a moderate Republican and a Democrat, the three together reflect the Alaskan voters who elected them. This mix forces our representatives to work together, also across party lines, as they should in representing ALL of us

Like me, the majority of Alaskans chose open primaries and ranked choice voting. We voted it in. So please leave it in place. We are the same voters who elected you to represent us. Please represent us. That is your job.

Maureen Longworth  
PO Box21084  
Juneau, AK 99802  
907-209-2005  
MaureenLongworthAK@gmail.com

Maureen Longworth  
Sent from my iPhone

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Bryn.mcelroy@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Brandywyn McElroy  
<Bryn.mcelroy@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 12:58  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

As a lifelong Alaskan, I support rank choice voting. It was weird to get used to but I really enjoyed knowing that my voice anfld vote counts 100%.

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Brandywyn McElroy  
3107 River Bend Rd North Pole, AK 99705-5245 Bryn.mcelroy@gmail.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** meowmeex@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kathryn Kennemer  
<meowmeex@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 13:00  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources.

The people of Alaska have already spoken of this issue. Ranked choice voting has already proved what it is supposed to do, which is make every vote count and keep extremists from gaining power. From Alaska's example other States are trying to adopt their own ranked choice voting. Let Alaska blaze a trail and set an example to other States.

Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Kathryn Kennemer  
5310 Mockingbird Dr Apt 210 Anchorage, AK 99507-5410 meowmeex@gmail.com

**Jake Almeida**

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**From:** christel@gci.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 13:02  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** HB4

I am against the repeal. Had Republicans won they would not be challenging the will of the people.

Christel Petty



## Jake Almeida

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**From:** hope.spargo@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Hope Spargo  
<hope.spargo@everyactioncustom.com >  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 13:04  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Hope Spargo  
6530 E 9th Ave Anchorage, AK 99504-1724 hope.spargo@gmail.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** laskalinda@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Linda Chamberlain  
<laskalinda@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, **May 11**, 2023 13:04  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

As a 50+ years Alaskan voter I find ranked choice voting worked very well and was very pleased with this method.

Alaskan voters want Ranked Chaise. •. leave your grubby hands off it!

We have already spoken!

Thank you

Sincerely,

Linda Chamberlain

3001 Lexington Cir Anchorage, AK 99502-3131 laskalinda@hotmail.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** brewered2001@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Ed Brewer <brewered2001@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 13:07  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

So house bill 4, requires me to pay for party primaries. The majority of Alaskan voters are independents who vote for the best candidate. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one is obviously an attack on the will of the people and a power and money grab by the parties. The founding fathers saw parties as the death mill of the grand experiment. Leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Ed Brewer  
2001 Anchorage, AK 99508  
brewered2001@gmail.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Mary Corcoran <marycorc@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 13:09  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** PUBLIC TESTIMONY - **HB4**

To House Judiciary Committee Members,

Thank you for this opportunity to testify against HB4 ELECTIONS:REPEAL RANK CHOICE/OPEN PRIMARY.

This bill overrides the will of Alaska's voters who initiated this process and successfully fought legal challenge to make it law. The bill is undemocratic. The people have spoken and support a non partisan open primary.

Elections now are more competitive. The legislature is more balanced.

A larger variety of voices are listening to voters. Citizens review and score their choice of things everyday. This is a common sense process and respects the voters' intellect.

Please do not pass this out of committee. HB4 may benefit one party's leadership, but is a disservice to all constituents.

Thank you for your work.

Sincerely,  
Mary Corcoran  
Delta Junction AK

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Lauren Jerew <laurenejerew@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 13:12  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** HB4 Personal Testimony

Hello,

My name is Lauren Jerew and I live in Homer. As a constituent of Sarah Vance's, I'd like to voice my strong opposition of HB4.

Alaskans implemented rank choice voting via majority approval in 2020. HB4 attempts to directly undercut the spoken will of Alaskans. It is imperative that our elected officials honor the voices of Alaskan voters, rather than attempt to circumnavigate those voices in pursuit of personal interests.

Thank you -  
Lauren Jerew

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Ken Petty <kenpetty@gci.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 13:13  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** House Bill 4

I am against any repeal or modification of rank choice voting or open primaries. It's absolutely absurd that this is even an issue. RCV is obviously the choice of the majority of Alaskan voters. Why is it that we never hear a peep out of the Sarah Palins and the Kelly Tschibakas et al when a vote is decided in their favor?

Leave it alone, and follow the will of the Alaskan voters.

Ken Petty  
kenpetty@gci.net  
216 S Sarah Circle  
Palmer, AK. 99645-8413  
Home (907) 707-0230  
Cell (907) 354-7758

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Lin Davis <lingilbertdavis@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 13:13  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Cc:** Rep. Sara Hannan; Rep. Andi Story  
**Subject:** Oppose HB 4

May 11, 2023

Dear Chair Vance and House Judiciary Committee:

I am a three-decade Alaska resident, and I strongly oppose HB 4. RCV reduces the use of "Wedge" issues as the Fairbanks political science professor testified last Tuesday in House State Affairs. I underline that point.

Alaska has been under siege by Wedge issues for decades. RCV gives us an immediate opportunity to find solutions beyond partisan rancor. RCV urges candidates to reach for "the ties that bind," the core values that we all believe. We are seeing RCV success in the moderate legislators recently elected.

Wedge issues increase inequality. Wedges get oxygen by "enemizing" more and more Americans.....mercy me, let me count the targeted groups.

Wedge issues play on fear. Deepen fear. As Hitler's Minister for Public Enlightenment and Propaganda, Joseph Goebbels, said, "If you make people afraid, very afraid, even a simple hardworking Bavarian farmer, you can get that farmer to do anything you want."

Wedge issues create common enemies, raise emotional temps, create "others" who deserve distrust, then disdain, then revenge. Wedges then easily slide into dark and destructive forces. Dehumanizing occurs. "Certain sections of Americans are XYZ," say the Wedge extremists, "and they deserve all-consuming hatred." Violence erupts. No space safe.

Wedge issues create non-negotiable positions. Fierce team/tribal loyalties arise and fearful minds assume the "others" are evil. "Can't negotiate with evil," their minds say. All bridges must be burned. Can't treat others as human. The Wedge prevails. Minds harden. Revenge rises.

Dear judicious Judiciary Committee, you have a chance, a history book moment now, to vote for a better, more functional democracy. Oppose HS 4. Help us reach for ties that bind.

Thank you for considering these points.

Lin Davis

30 year resident of Douglas Island

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** dugal4@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of doug hergert <dugal4@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 13:16  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
doug hergert  
PO Box 433 Wrangell, AK 99929-0433  
dugal4@gmail.com



## Jake Almeida

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**From:** cbsartor@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Charlotte Sartor  
<cbsartor@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 13:17  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4.

Open primaries and ranked-choice voting are good for Alaska. They result in more moderate candidates who hopefully can work across party lines.

Legislators should respect the will of the voters. The majority of Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting in 2020, showing board public support for this new system. Give people the time to work with this new system rather than causing confusion and costing the state money & resources by switching back to the old system.

There are more pressing issues this legislative session that need attention Please leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Thank you  
Charlotte Sartor  
5900 S. Our Rd  
Palmer, AK99645

Sincerely,  
Charlotte Sartor  
5900 S Our Rd Palmer, AK 99645-7622  
cbsartor@gmail.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** rnoblin@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Rebecca Noblin  
<rnoblin@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 13:19  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. Ranked choice voting is good for Alaska and good for democracy. Candidates elected through rank choice voting are politically closer to the people they represent. Please keep ranked choice voting.

Sincerely,  
Rebecca Noblin  
2900 Wiley Post Ave Anchorage, AK 99517-2403 rnoblin@yahoo.com

**Jake Almeida**

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**From:** trouba93@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Debbie McKay <trouba93@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 13:20  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4  
**t:**

**Dear** House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

The voters have spoken clearly on this matter and have shown a broad support for ranked-choice voting. I am confused as to why the legislature feels that they should undermine the will of the voters. You are elected to support us, not ignore or undermine us. Please keep ranked-choice voting intact, and support it as Alaskans have chosen to do so at the ballot box.

Thank You,

Sincerely,  
Debbie McKay  
55441Chinook Rd Kenai, AK 99611-6173  
trouba93@gmail.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** ducassecp@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Catherine Ducasse  
<ducassecp@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 13:22  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** J oppose HB 4  
**t:**

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I am opposed to House Bill 4. The voters approved rank-choice voting and polls show overwhelming continued support for that system. Having been a non-partisan voter for most of my life, I have voted for Republicans, Democrats, and Independents and I appreciate having the ability to rank candidates that a majority of Alaskans have selected to be on the ballot rather than the hyper-partisan candidates usually selected during closed party primaries. I support ranked-choice voting and urge you to vote NO on House Bill 4.

Sincerely,  
Catherine Ducasse  
6251 Bubbling Brook Cir Anchorage, AK 99516-1834 ducassecp@aoJ.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** daniella.n.ambrosino@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Daniella May  
<daniella.n.ambrosino@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 13:23  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Alaskans have already voted in favor of ranked choice. This is a ridiculous bill looking to sabotage the will of the people because some party extremists are unsatisfied with the results of the last election.

Sincerely,  
Daniella May  
18921 Danny Dr Eagle River, AK 99577-8597 daniella.n.ambrosino@gmail.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** ian99514@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Ian Brunton <ian99514@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 13:25  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Ian Brunton  
12530 Freitag Cir Anchorage, AK 99516-3218 ian99514@yahoo.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** trosszone@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of John Dodge  
<trosszone@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent** Thursday, May 11, 2023 13:29  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose **HB 4**

**Dear** House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact. I found rank choice easy to use and provided more options and enfranchisement than the rigged primary process of exclusion.

Sincerely,  
John Dodge  
PO Box 2532 Homer, AK 99603-2532  
trosszone@yahoo.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** mksunwood@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kayt Sunwood  
<mksunwood@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 13:32  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition to House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also COST OUT STATE MONEY AND RESOURCES! Please focus on pressing issues in this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Kayt Sunwood  
5601 Old Ridge Tri Fairbanks, AK 99709-2069 mksunwood@alaska.edu



## Jake Almeida

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**From:** schmidlaw@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of David Schmid  
<schmidlaw@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent** Thursday, May 11, 2023 13:33  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
David Schmid  
2301 Loussac Dr Anchorage, AK 99517-1230 schmidlaw@gci.net

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Chuck Wright <cwright@ccqp.onmicrosoft.com>  
**Sent** Thursday, May 11, 2023 13:34  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Cc:** Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Jamie Allard; Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. Andrew Gray; Rep. Cliff Groh  
**Subject:** Opposition to HB 4  
**t:**

I am totally opposed to HB 4 and hope that it doesn't pass through your committee onto the House floor. Alaskans are opposed to this action by speaking out against it and have already expressed their opinions by voting for rank choice voting which is NOT confusing and which is working well for **Alaska**. The progress of HB4 to go against the will of the people so soon after they chose this method is offensive. Please listen to your constituents and don't take away our ability to vote for the candidates we want instead of who the Parties want.

Chuck Wright  
3740 Reflection Dr.  
Anchorage AK 99504

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Karen Button <karenbutton@riseup.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 13:35  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** **HB4**

Honorable Judiciary Committee Members:

Alaskans voted to pass ranked choice voting. HB4 is an attempt to subvert the will of the people.

That this proposed bill is even seeing the light of day is an affront to our electoral process. Please do not pass it out of Judiciary.

Respectfully,

"Karen Button  
2811 Klamath Dr  
99517

"karen button  
a grateful inhabitant of dena'ina etnena (dena'ina homelands)

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** JIM PEKAR <jwpak@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 13:40  
**To:** House Judiciary; Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. Andrew Gray; Rep. Cliff Groh  
**Cc:** Sen. Cathy Giessel  
**Subject:** House Bill 4  
**t:**

Representatives,

I am a resident of Anchorage Alaska since 1978.

I am in FAVOR of open primaries and ranked-choice voting.

Please do not change the current system that is working, and understood by the majority of residents.

Thanks for your consideration,

James Pekar

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Ray Cammisa <raybird68@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 13:40  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Cc:** House Judiciary; House Judiciary  
**Subject:** HB 4 Ranked Choice Voting  
**t:**

I fully support RCV. After leaving the Service at Ft. Greely in 1977 I've been a voting resident. RCV allowed me for the first time to vote for who I wanted with being hampered by closed primaries. It's obvious that Republican policies are not popular enough to get passed without gerrymandering districts, suppressing voters ability to access the voting system and fear mongering. Do not suppress the will of the people.

I support Ranked Choice Voting  
Raymond Cammisa  
17615 Lacey Dr  
Eagle River Ak 99577  
907 7267977

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** karen@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Karen kohout Karen kohout  
<karen@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 13:42  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,

Karen kohout Karen kohout

144 Sunrise Dr Fbks AK99712 Fairbanks, AK 99712-1847 karen@tozikaket.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** raybird68@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Raymond Cammisa <raybird68@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 13:47  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

**Dear** House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Raymond Cammisa  
17615 Lacey Dr Eagle River, AK 99577-8207 raybird68@hotmail.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** martyw@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Martha Freeman  
<martyw@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 13:50  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. This system was endorsed, by the citizens of Alaska, and the legislative attempt to undermine the results of that process are a travesty.

I have worked in polling places and very few people expressed confusion with the new system. Most said, "I know all about it" because they had repeatedly seen the clear information provided by the Division of Elections in the media. As one high school student - a first-time voter-- said, "this is just like the tests we take at school."

HB 4 wastes time purporting to fix something that actually is NOT broken, and diverts attention from major issues that need the Legislature's focus, particularly education and funding for government services.

Previous testimony on this bill demonstrated that most people support open primaries and ranked-choice voting. Please stop moving this bill forward.

Sincerely,  
Martha Freeman  
1529 Sunrise Dr Anchorage, AK 99508-3026 martyw@ak.net



## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Randi Sweet <randisweet@alaskan.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 13:51  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Cc:** Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Jamie Allard; Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. Andrew Gray; Rep. Cliff Groh  
**Subject:** HB4 Elections Repeal Rank Choice Voting/Open Primaries - Oppose

For much of Alaska's history there were open primaries. This is consistent with most Alaskans not being affiliated with a party.

Ranked Choice Voting provides a way to give Alaskans a voice in their preference and that is used to select the candidate who has more than 50% of the vote. In some of Alaska's prior elections, candidates have won a plurality (most votes of candidates running) but not a majority (more than half the votes).

### **2022 Election Results**

#### Governor

Dunleavy. 50.3%

Gara. 24.2%

Walker. 20.7%

Note: in 2018 election Dunleavy 51.4%; Begich 44.4%

#### US Senate

Murkowski. 53.7%

Tschibaka. 46.3%

Note: in 2016 Murkowski won with 44.4% of the vote.

#### US Rep.

Peltola. 54.9%

Palin. 45.1%

Note in 2006 Palin won Governor's race w 48.33% of the vote.

The voters expressed their will by approving Open Primaries and Ranked Choice Voting. In Alaska, Open Primaries empower Alaskans to vote for the person that best represents them. Ranked Choice Voting provides a process in which a candidate must receive more than half the votes. In this way, the winner has demonstrated that more than half the voters support the candidate.

Please do not repeal Open Primaries and Ranked Choice Voting.

Thank you,

Randi Sweet  
Seldovia AK

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** toni.swearingen@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Toni Swearingen  
<toni.swearingen@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 13:52  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HS 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

We need to **give** this a chance t

Sincerely,  
Toni Swearingen  
3201 Rosalind Loop Anchorage, AK 99507-3676 toni.swearingen@gmail.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** kalei.lw@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Lynn Wilbur  
<kalei.lw@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 13:52  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4  
**t:**

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Lynn Wilbur  
8515 Jennifer Dr Juneau, AK 99801-9092  
kalei.lw@gmail.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** robin.beebee@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Robin Beebee  
<robin.beebee@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 13:53  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing AGAIN in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, I voted to implement ranked-choice voting, along with most of my fellow Alaskan voters. I have used rank choice voting several times and while my choices haven't always won I feel that I've made my voice heard and appreciate having the option to rank all candidates regardless of party. Repealing our new votfng system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing Issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,

Robin Beebee

2055 Cliffside Dr Anchorage, AK 99501-5715 robin.beebee@gmail.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** hmdw@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Helen Watkins  
<hmdw@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 13:58  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

Dear Representatives,

I oppose HB 4 and I'm writing to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting.

In 2020, the majority of Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system which allows a fair resolution of an election when no candidate achieves a 50% plus one majority.

It saves the time and money of a run-off election and by allowing preferential voting, all voters are still involved with the process of choosing a Representative or Senator.

If some people find the new system confusing, educate them. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would be more confusing to voters and also cost more our state money and resources.

Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Helen Watkins

Sincerely,  
Helen Watkins  
4072 Teal Ave Fairbanks, AK 99709-3520  
hmdw@usa.net

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Lei B <1xb312@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 13:59  
**To:** Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. Andrew Gray; Rep. Cliff Groh  
**Cc:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Hi,  
My name is Lejla Berberovic and I reside in Anchorage. I am opposed to House Bill 4 and urge legislators to respect the will of the voters, and not vote to overturn a citizens' initiative at the earliest opportunity. Open primaries and ranked choice voting are citizen driven topics that have benefited all citizens to have a more equitable voice and stake in their government.

Thank you,  
Lejla Berberovic, LCSW  
Anchorage AK 99515

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** frankls@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of David Frankl  
<frankls@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent** Thursday, May 11, 2023 14:01  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Ranked choice voting is an important structural remedy in this time of bitter partisan polarization. It leads to better representation and better governance.

Sincerely,  
David Frankl  
10331 Stewart Dr Eagle River, AK 99577-9559 frankls@mac.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** arcticgardener@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Liz Greig  
<arcticgardener@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 14:01  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4  
**t:**

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Liz Greig  
48 Farewell Ave Apt B Fairbanks, AK 99701-3570 arcticgardener@gmail.com



## Jake Almeida

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**From:** yttap4@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Patricia Anderson <yttap4@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 14:01  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Patricia Anderson  
2306 E 74th Ave Anchorage, AK 99507-2722 yttap4@gmail.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Molly & Dave Brann <homerbrann@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 13:59  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Cc:** Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Jamie Allard; Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. Andrew Gray; Rep. Cliff Groh  
**Subject** House Bill 4

1 strongly urge you to NOT support House Bill 4. Alaskans have figured out how this works and are satisfied with the results. Thank you.

Molly Brann  
PO Box 1901  
350 Sprucewood Drive  
Homer, AK 99603  
homerbrann@gmail.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Bruce Palmer <bruce@palmerco.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 14:02  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** Ranked choice voting

I really like the new ranked choice voting !!! I don't want either party to narrow my choice at the ballot box and voting is really simple, ie, first second third. Please do not repeal!

Thanks - Bruce

Bruce Palmer, Anchorage AK  
Cell 907-229-3978  
[bruce@palmerco.com](mailto:bruce@palmerco.com)

**Jake Almeida**

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**From:** mahiggins@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mary Ann Higgins  
<mahiggins@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 14:05  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

**I AM WRITING AGAIN!!!**

HOW OFTEN DO I HAVE TO TESTIFV...KEEP RANKED CHOICE VOTING! KEEP OPEN PRIMARIES!

THANK YOU,  
M.A. HIGGINS

Sincerely,  
Mary Ann Higgins  
5626 E 40th Ave Anchorage, AK 99504-5327 mahiggins@hotmail.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Cindy Wilson <cindywilson@gci.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 14:05  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Cc:** Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Jamie Allard; Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. Andrew Gray; Rep. Cliff Groh  
**Subject:** Ranked Choice Voting

As a voter, I voted to approve ranked choice voting and I like how it works. I feel it is a more democratic approach to voting instead of having closed primaries where only a few people are able to decide who the general public gets to vote for. I do not want ranked choice voting to go away.

Thanks,  
Cindy Wilson

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Sherrell Holtshouser <sherrellholtshouser@gmail.com>  
**Sent** Thursday, **May 11**, 2023 14:05  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Cc:** CraigJohnson@akleg.gov  
**Subject:** Ranked Choice voting

Dear Alaskans,

Alaskans have long been independent thinkers and doers. Ranked choice voting is the best fit for our independent approach to our lives and politics and sense of freedom.

Only morons from somewhere outside could find Ranked Choice Voting to be confusing and too difficult to use.

Support the independent and free spirit of Alaskans by voting to keep Ranked Choice Voting.

Thank you,  
Sherrell and Jerry Holtshouser  
1636 Bellevue Circle  
Anchorage AK 99515  
907-242-9745  
Alaskan voters for over 40 years

**Jake Almeida**

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**From:** anna.godduhn@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Anna Godduhn  
<anna.godduhn@everyactioncustom.com >  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 14:06  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I support open primaries and rank choice voting because they enable less than super-rich people to run for office. We need to break the duopoly that has hamstrung our nation. Ranked-choice voting is extremely popular among Alaskans. Regression will waste money and time, confuse and frustrate voters, and further alienate our government from our people. There are many more immediate and critical problems for you to work on, please.

Sincerely,  
Anna Godduhn  
570 Mcfadden Ln Fairbanks, AK 99709-6113 anna.godduhn@gmail.com

**Jake Almeida**

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**From:** jrmosby@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jack Mosby  
<jrmosby@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 14:09  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Focus your energies on more pressing issues this legislative session like adequate school funding and a long term budget solution. Leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Jack Mosby  
3026 Wesleyan Dr Anchorage, AK 99508-4759 jrmosby@alaskalife.net



## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Roberta Schowen <schowen@gmail.com>  
**Sent** Wednesday, May 10, 2023 17:58  
**To:** Ben.Carpenter@akleg.ak; Cliff.Groh@akleg.gov; House Judiciary;  
Sarah.Vance@akleg.gov; Jamie.Allard@akleg.gov; Ben.Carpenter@akleg.gov;  
CraigJohnson@akleg.gov; David.Eastman@akleg.gov; Andrew.Gray@akleg.gov  
**Subject:** **Ranked** Choice Voting

I am a registered voter in the State of Alaska who voted for Rank Choice Voting. This method allows all citizens to equitably participate in voting and choosing their preferred candidates regardless of the candidates political affiliation. I am tired of living in a state where political parties control my vote or seek to change my vote. Rank choice voting restores my faith in the democratic process. Everyone deserves to be heard, not just those of a particular party. And if you can't stand or won't allow your citizens - ALL OF THEM - to equally participate in an election, then we need to do everything we can as citizens to ensure you don't continue to serve as our elected representatives. I'm sure I'm not the only one who feels this way.

*The people have spoken.* Get on with the legitimate running of our state instead of looking for ways to disenfranchise your citizens. Alaska used to be so much more, something to be proud of and boast about, but sadly has fallen into the hands of people who are more interested in promoting themselves than in promoting the welfare of our state. The citizens are paying attention.

Roberta Schowen  
**9072408777**  
[schowen@gmail.com](mailto:schowen@gmail.com)

"Today is only one day in all the days that will ever be.  
But what will happen in the other days that ever come  
can depend on what YOU DO today." E. Hemmingway

**Jake Almeida**

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**From:** John & Jo Ann Gruber <gruberak@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 10, 2023 18:39  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** Opposition to HB4 (ELECTIONS:REPEAL RANK [sic] CHOICE/OPEN PRIMARY)

Dear House Judiciary Committee Members,

I am writing in **opposition** to House Bill 4 (Repeal Rank [sic] Choice/Open Primary).

I'm disappointed that the sponsors chose to continue using the word "Rank" instead of "Ranked" in the short title. Their biases are showing. I choose to use the correct word here which should be "Ranked". On 05/01/23, Rep. Allard wrote to me saying that she would "...*check with the sponsor, and their perspective of the title.*" (I didn't hear back from her. No one corrected the title, so I'm assuming that the sponsors are supporting the misinformation/disinformation being spewed by that group who wants our RCV repealed since that is the word they use in their propaganda.)

Last fall was the first time Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) was used here in Alaska, and it was quite successful. It was great to see a larger, more diverse selection of candidates along with candidates who were NOT associated with a political party. It demonstrated that the people of our state, in most cases, selected more moderate candidates over more extreme ones. Most people did not find RCV "difficult" or "confusing".

It's interesting to note that two extreme candidates who failed to win in 2022 launched a campaign to repeal RCV and now members of the same party as the two losing candidates want to use legislation to repeal RCV. Elected public officials should work to represent ALL the people they purport to represent and not just the extremes of their political party. As a reminder, most of Alaska's voters are NOT affiliated with either of the two parties.

Alaska voters approved our ranked choice voting system and open primaries. Decent people are watching what is being done by certain legislators to overturn the will of Alaska's voters without hearing from us at the polls.

Please do not support this bill.

Respectfully,

Jo Ann Gruber  
Eagle River, AK

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Bob Butera <butera@gci.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 10, 2023 19:31  
**To:** House Judiciary; Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. Andrew Gray; Rep. Cliff Groh; Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Jamie Allard  
**Cc:** Rep. Alyse Galvin  
**Subject:** House Bill 4  
**t:**

Dear members of the House State Affairs Committee,

I oppose House Bill 4. I voted for open primaries and ranked choice voting and found them simple and easy to understand and use. The open primaries brought back the open system that we had from 1947 to 2000. It really made me angry when in 2000, primaries were closed and I had to choose which primary to vote in, effectively limiting my ability to select candidates for all offices.

I like ranked choice voting a lot. It elected good people from both sides of the political spectrum. It is our best way to return Alaska to a non-partisan place where we work together to get things done.

Sincerely,

Bob Butera  
Anchorage

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Laurie Olson <1ols33@live.com>  
**Sent** Wednesday, May 10, 2023 19:32  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Cc:** Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Jamie Allard; Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. Andrew Gray; Rep. Cliff Groh; Rep. Justin Ruffridge  
**Subject:** Ranked choice voting

Hello,

I live on the Kenai Peninsula and voted for the implementation of ranked choice voting. I am disappointed that House **Bill 4** has been proposed. I oppose House Bill 4.

I have never liked having to choose to vote by party -- I look at the person and choose the best person for the job. An open primary is the only fair way for us to elect the person we want for each office. With ranked choice voting, I can express my choice from all candidates in order if I want, or just vote for the one person I really want.

After consideration by the House State Affairs committee and testimony from the majority of my fellow Alaskans to leave ranked choice voting intact, I was even more disappointed that HB 4 was moved forward to the House Judiciary Committee.

This is a bold attempt to disregard the voters' choice to implement ranked choice voting and House Bill 4 must be defeated.

Sincerely,  
Laurie Olson  
48660 W Poppy Ln  
Soldotna, AK 99669

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Jane Mellor <janeemellor@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 10, 2023 19:42  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Cc:** Rep. Jamie Allard; Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. Andrew Gray; Rep. Cliff Groh; representative.Zach.Fields@akleg.gov  
**Subject:** House Bill 4

**t:**

Hello,

I want to make it clear that I oppose House Bill 4. I oppose it because the citizens of Alaska voted for ranked choice voting. Furthermore, it helps to mitigate the polarizing political environment we find ourselves in by helping to bring more moderate candidates to office.

Sincerely,  
Jane Mellor

Sent from my iPad

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Donna Aderhold <donnagrace99@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 10, 2023 20:05  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** Opposition to HB 4

Dear House Judiciary members,  
I am opposed to HB 4.

I strongly SUPPORT ranked choice voting and voted in favor of it when it came before voters as a ballot measure. I am non-partisan and appreciate the open primary, which allows me to select the candidate I most support no matter their party and without having to select a ballot. As a non-partisan, I sometimes vote for Republicans, sometimes for Democrats, and sometimes for Independents based on the issues that are important to me and how various candidates campaign. I really appreciate the opportunity to rank candidates in the general election. During the special election and general election last year during which we had the opportunity to rank candidates, sometimes I chose to rank several candidates and sometimes I chose to vote for only one, leaving the remainder of the rankings blank, based on the slate of candidates.

I believe the Division of Elections performed an excellent service providing voters with information on the new election process that we, the voters of Alaska, voted to implement.

I find it troubling that HB 4 seeks to nullify the voters wishes at the earliest possible opportunity. We have only used this system in one year, and it turned out to be an odd year because of the untimely death of Congressman Young and the need for a special election to fill his seat. The special general election paired with the regular election primary was indeed confusing, but that had nothing to do with ranked choice voting.

Each of you was elected to your seat based on the ranked choice voting system. I urge you to set this bill aside and allow the voters time to get used to the new system.

Thank you for your service to the State of Alaska.

Sincerely,  
Donna Aderhold  
Homer, Alaska

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Linda Unsicker <unsicker83@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 10, 2023 20:06  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Cc:** Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Jamie Allard; Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. Andrew Gray; Rep. Cliff Groh  
**Subject:** Rank choice voting

**t:**

Again and again, including a statewide vote and most recently 68% of the previous verbal testimony, the people of Alaska have stated that they/we want rank choice voting. It is simple. It is efficient. It is fair. Why does this continue to be discussed? Keep rank choice voting.

Linda Unsicker  
Fairbanks, Alaska

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Emily Walle <womengwen@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 10, 2023 20:34  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Cc:** Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. Cliff Groh  
**Subject:** Testimony against House Bill 4

Dear Committee Members,

I oppose House Bill 4. It deeply concerns me because it undermines the will of the voters. The open primary removes barriers for people to run for office and encourages more diverse candidates which is a good thing. Ranked choice voting is easy and I like being able to rank all of the candidates from different parties. I voted for Ballot Measure 2 and I still support the reforms that voters put in place. Please protect the Open Primary system.

Sincerely,  
Emily Wentzel Walle



## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Evans Callis <earthcallis@gmail.com>  
**Sent** Wednesday, May 10, 2023 20:41  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** In Opposition to HB 4: Respect the Decision of Alaskan Voters

To the House Judiciary committee,

We are opposed to HB 4 in any form; any attempt to repeal ranked choice voting (RCV) without the approval of Alaskan voters is a violation of the responsibilities of representatives and senators to uphold the will of the people.

RCV has been shown to provide more equitable representation in every instance than "first past the post" voting, and every challenge to its legality in Alaskan courts has failed. This system was democratically chosen by Alaskans, and attempts to circumvent that choice is an attempt to circumvent the democratic principles underlying our entire system of governance.

Respectfully,

Evans and Alyeska Callis

Fairbanks, AK

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Victoria Oconnell Curran <victoria.oconnell@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 10, 2023 20:46  
**To:** Senate Judiciary; House Judiciary  
**Subject:** Fwd: Oppose HB4

Hello,

Ranked Choice Voting was put on the ballot and Alaska Voters decided that they support RCV with the majority voting for RCV. I have been an Alaskan voter for over 40 years and I supported this initiative. I am really appalled that this legislature thinks it's job is to circumvent the will of the people of Alaska. We have had a primary and a general election with RCV and it **was a** straight forward and simple process. The candidates who won represent the voters.. RCV is a more representative process than the old primary system. Regardless, it was put to vote of the people and the people voted in support. Stand down on this one. There are many important issues facing the state at this time. For instance the Office of Public Advocacy just wrote to the courts saying it can no longer take new guardianship appointments because the caseload is 100 cases per employee. This is a crisis that the legislature should be addressing.

Vote no on HB4, do not send it out of committee

Thank you

Tory O'Connell Curran  
**Sitka, Alaska**

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Carl Brodersen <carlhcb@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 10, 2023 21:19  
**To:** Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Jamie Allard; Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. Andrew Gray; Rep. Cliff Groh; House Judiciary  
**Cc:** Sen. Jesse Kiehl; Rep. Sara Hannan; Rep. Andi Story  
**Subject:** Opposition to HB-4

Hello, this is Carl Brodersen in Juneau.

I oppose HB-4, which is yet another thinly veiled attempt to cling to power through voter suppression instead of just working to become more electable; and I *would* chafe at the assertion that something so straightforward is too "confusing" for the electorate to grasp, but fortunately that's just a bad faith argument from people who would rather flip the table than play by the rules. The decision not to vote comes from a place of anger, not from confusion, and that is a choice for which the individual voter alone is responsible.

The only indication here of difficulty grasping simple concepts comes from the anti-RCV arguments themselves. RCV is STILL one person one vote. The winner is not only still the person with the most votes, they now have to have more than half of them! There is still a paper trail. No one was duped into voting for it. Alaska's voter turnout trends mirror the nation's. A signature has always been required on mail-in ballots. Spoiled ballots can be corrected. There is an enormous difference between an exhausted ballot and a rejected ballot. And I give money to political causes in other states, too because they affect me directly. The arguments all seem to come down to "I don't like this, so you can't have it." How tragically familiar.

Here's a dramatization of how we got here. After the last election, someone said "Golly, my polarizing; toxic; hate-based platform didn't get me elected - Is it me? No, the SYSTEM must be broken!" -It's not! The candidates are, and they know it.

HB-4 is basically a child's tantrum. If its authors don't like it that one party can receive the most total votes overall\_ but the single winning candidate with the most votes can be from the other party, that means they need to start giving us better candidates.

I love that we now get to vote for a person rather than having to vote for a party. I love that we now get to vote for the candidate we actually want, without fear of splitting the vote. I love that we end up compromising a little\_ by sometimes electing the person we all dislike the least. (Apologies, politicians in the room, thank you for your service, most of you.) The result is better representation, which is the entire point of government.

Respect the will of the voters. Keep Ranked Choice Voting and Open Primaries.

It's the best thing we've done in years. Let the nascent ballot proposition run its course rather than legislating our voices away.

Thank you. Have a lovely day.

-Carl Brodersen

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Sally Rue <sarjesrue@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 10, 2023 21:19  
**To:** Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Jamie Allard; Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. Andrew Gray; Rep. Cliff Groh; House Judiciary  
**Cc:** Rep. Sara Hannan; Rep. Andi Story; Sen. Jesse Kiehl  
**Subject:** Please oppose HB 4

Dear Chair Vance and Members of the House Judiciary Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity for public testimony on HB 4, Elections: Repeal Rank Choice/Open Primary. I am here this afternoon to testify in opposition to this bill.

I am a 46-year Alaskan, have been an active voter all my adult life, have been involved in elections and campaigns in a variety of ways over the decades. I admit I was curious to see how the change to rank choice voting would work, especially having the first try during a special election with minimal time to educate voters and for the Division of Elections to adjust their protocols.

I think it was quite successful. The Division did a good job, and many respected organizations helped educate voters about the new voting system. Voters rose to the occasion and learned how to use the ranking system. There was not rampant confusion as some warned, and many Alaskans were happy with the results.

Coupled with returning Alaska to open primaries (which had been a respected feature of our election system until recent years when one party chose to close their primaries), the new voting system responded to the desires of most Alaskans to have the opportunity to elect people who were more representative of the majority of Alaskans. We need elected leaders who can work together for the good of the majority, not extremists who can't put the common good first.

I believe it would be a serious mistake to repeal these voting reforms now; we should respect the will of the voters in passing this initiative, and see how it works for several election cycles before making any radical changes.

I hope you will oppose HB 4, and respect the majority of Alaskan voters who voted to adopt rank choice voting and open primaries.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

Sally Rue  
Juneau

This is to oppose House Bill 4 which would repeal the voters' will re: open primaries and ranked choice voting.

RCV is not confusing at all and open primaries give us voters the opportunity to vote for the person as opposed to the party.

I have seen good candidates "primaried" out. As an Independent, I want to be able to vote for good candidates regardless of party and many of us Alaskans are Independents.

I am a super voter who started voting in Alaska before Statehood.

Thank you. John Jensen.

**Jake Almeida**

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**From** Robert Welton <iweltonjr@gmail.com>  
**:** Wednesday, May 10, 2023 22:33  
**Sent** House Judiciary  
**: To:** robbrose@gci.net  
**Cc:** **HB 4** Abomination, Comments to HJUD  
**Subject:**

Public Comments on to House Judiciary Committee on HB 4, Repealing Open Primaries and Ranked Choice Voting

It feels like a waste of time to submit comments to the House Judiciary Committee on HB 4. More than two-thirds of comments presented to House State Affairs opposed the bill. But the Committee voted on a party line vote to move it out of committee anyway. I notice several members House State Affairs are also on the House Judiciary Committee. So as I've said, this feels like a waste of time. But I want to have my say.

In my testimony to House State Affairs, I detailed my belief that open primaries and ranked choice voting works to moderate partisanship. Only my local representative cared about this, so I won't waste your time repeating it to the House Judiciary Committee.

I ran out of my two minutes time while providing public comments on HB4 at House State Affairs, and was unable to make an additional point, which I'd like to make here:

WE THE PEOPLE have spoken by approving an initiative in November 2020 to adopt open primaries and RCV. In a democracy, that should be the end of things. The will of the majority, as expressed in elections, should be a sacred, holy trust.

If we're going to repeal open primaries and RCV, WE THE PEOPLE should be the ones to do it. There is an initiative circulating to put the matter onto the November ballot. Let the people speak. Whatever the majority chooses in November should be the law of the land.

Repealing the will of the people via legislative fiat is jabbing an ice pick into the back of Lady Liberty. In a democracy, the will of the majority, as expressed by voting, is supposed to be the ultimate authority. If you don't respect the will of the majority, you don't respect democracy.

You face a fundamental choice. Do you respect the will of all Alaskans, or just of the MAGA base? Do you want democracy, or a one party dictatorship? Will you stand for good, or for evil?

This vote will be your legacy, no matter what else you do. If you move this abomination out of committee, the MAGA base will love you. Everyone outside the base will lose all respect for you. Is that what you want as your legacy?

I can respect political differences of opinion, but this is going too far. The people's will should be respected, period. If you can't do that, I have lost all respect in you.

I'd sign this off 'with hope' or 'sincerely', but to say either would be a dishonest farce. Thank you for not listening. Rob Welton, Douglas

**Jake Almeida**

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**From:** marie@mtaonline.net  
**Sent** Wednesday, May 10, 2023 22:50  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Cc:** Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Jamie Allard; Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. Andrew Gray; Rep. Cliff Groh; Rep. Cathy Tilton; Sen. Shelley Hughes  
**Subjec** Strong Opposition to Alaska House bill 4

**t:**

Dear House Judiciary Members

My name is Dan Payne and I am a lifelong Alaskan. My reason for this correspondence is that I voted for rank choice voting and wish to continue voting that way until it is changed by a vote of the people.

I strongly oppose any bill that repeals what the majority of Alaskan voters elected as the state electoral system. As I see more than 68% in the verbal testimony response oppose House bill 4, it is clear the people have spoken by a fair and honest vote.

We do not live in a Nazi state where the vote of the people can be changed at the whim of disgruntled politicians. In the words of George Carlin "If you don't vote, you lose the right to complain". So quit crying and get busy with the issues that really matter to the people of Alaska. Health care, jobs, infrastructure, drunk drivers off the road, safety, Etc.

We have the most fair and honest elections in the world. We live in the greatest country in the world. That is why people died to defend our democracy and democratic process.

One of my favorite quotes is from Abraham Lincoln:

"Elections belong to the people. It's their decision. If they decide to turn their back on the fire and burn their behinds, then they will just have to sit on their blisters."

When the time comes to change the voting process it must go before the voters.

Thank You for your time.

Daniel Payne

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## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Cynthia Krehbiel <cynthialelapin@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 10, 2023 23:21  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** HS 4 Testimony

Good day Alaskan Representatives,

I oppose House Bill 4 since open primaries and ranked choice voting makes sense in so many ways. I will not waste your time going into details.

It's wrong for those, who ideally reflect the opinions of the people they represent, to vote to overturn a citizens' initiative at the first available opportunity.

Thank you and enjoy this day, Cynthia Krehbiel  
29 year Juneau resident & 3<sup>rd</sup> generation born in Juneau

It is in your hands to create a better world for all who live in it. - Nelson Mandela



## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Micah Fry <j.micah.fry@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 00:51  
**To:** House Judiciary; Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Jamie Allard; Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. Andrew Gray; Rep. Cliff Groh  
**Subject:** Rejecting HR4 is in your own self-interest (bonus: and the people's)

I'm against Bill HR4, and it is upsetting to hear that the State Affairs committee moved it forward despite hearing 2-to-1 public testimony against this bill. This letter is my attempt to explain why your own interests in maintaining your employment to the people of Alaska, would lead you to rejecting this bill.

One argument I've heard in favor of this bill is that we need to "return Alaska to one vote, one person." That statement feels good. Really, it invokes governing by "pure democracy," where each person gets to voice their vote on every issue. Although pure democracy sounds good on paper, it's untenable, and that's why we have representatives like you, to discuss nuances of bills, compromise, and whatnot. But there are some times where the people should be able to clearly and directly, without any intermediary or representative, make simple decisions. Electing their representatives is one of those times. Also, deciding HOW they elect their representatives is another time. In fact, I think ANY TIME the people have made a decision via an election, representatives would do well (if they want to keep their jobs) to not try and undo that decision.

Which brings me back to one vote, one person. Words fail me when someone argues that we should exercise "one vote, one person," to reinstate an old voting mechanism, when exactly the "one vote, one person" system was employed in our most recent ballot initiative and established that the people wanted Ranked Choice Voting. It's even more astounding when those "one vote, one person" pretenders then go through *representatives* to try and undo the decision the *people* already made directly. You want an example of how representative democracy is NOT one vote, one person? Consider that the State Affairs committee heard public testimony already, and 2-to-1 public testimony rejected this bill. Incongruous with the numbers, the State Affairs committee voted to move the bill forward. Now this bill stands in front of the Judiciary committee, which happens to be chaired by the very sponsor of this bill.

Now, I've heard others say that "now people's minds have changed," or that "they were deceived." Fine. Perhaps the Alaskan people don't want RCV anymore. Then let's take it to a ballot measure. Alaskans know how to express their desires in the election box, so why wouldn't you let them do it? Maybe it's because you already know the Alaskan people would reject this bill outright.

To sum up, until the next election cycle, your votes are yours to make. But the Alaskan people are smart; they understand that when they unambiguously decide one thing, and their representatives change it out from under them, somebody has got to go. It is in your own self-interest to reject this bill.

Best,  
Micah Fry

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Deborah Ward <sch.psych.ward@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 00:57  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** Rank Choice Voting

House Judiciary Committee - I oppose House Bill 4. Rank Choice Voting voting makes sense for Alaska, where most voters are registered as nonpartisan, independent and undeclared. Open primaries give voters more choices. The special election and the primary and general elections worked well last year. It was not confusing for voters. Rank Choice Voting was the will of the voters, and that choice should be honored.

Sincerely,

Deb ward  
Anchorage, AK 99516  
(907) 727-3034

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Chris Gabriele <cmg007@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 06:11  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Cc:** Rep. Andrew Gray; Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. Cliff Groh; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. Jamie Allard; Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Subje** Open primaries and rank choice voting

**d:**

Dear Legislators,

Please do not pass House Bill 4 that would repeal open primaries and rank choice voting, which were already chosen by the public. I know some politicians are panicking because their guy didn't win in 2022, but we need to give it a chance to work. It is a much more fair way for voters voices to be heard.

Instead of reversing the will of the voters who chose to give these a try, your job is to represent us. The best way to to that is to leave rank choice voting and open primaries in place.

Thanks,

Chris Gabriele

Gustavus, Alaska

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Michelle Sydeman <msydeman@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 06:26  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject** HB 4: Leave ranked Choice voting in place!!!!

I, like roughly 40% of Alaskans who register as non-partisan or undeclared voters, like the current system of ranked choice voting. We Alaskans just adopted this system only recently. Leave it alone! It provides more choice and freedom of expression than just choosing a single candidate. Do not override the will of voters by toying with this new system. Voters who experienced confusion (I expect in truth there were not that many) will soon get used to this more refined system of expressing our will and find it better than the old partisan system. Leave it alone and focus on the real issues facing Alaska - like fiscal measures to keep our economy strong.

Oppose HB 4!

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** scott simmons <whatsupscott@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 06:45  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Cc:** Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Subject:** House bill 4  
**t:**

Hello Representatives of the Judiciary committee .

I strongly oppose HB 4 . The only legitimate way to reverse the vote of the people is to put it back on the ballot . Alaskans like rank choice voting. It is simple and representative of the people at the ballot box.  
Scott Simmons. Alaska resident.

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Wendy <lewistownmontana@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 06:49  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** Rank choice

I support rank choice voting. It is the best way for voters to select the best candidate.

Wendy Wayne  
2435 Paradise Place  
Homer AK 99603  
Sent from my iPhone

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** henryphuntington@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Henry Huntington  
<henryphuntington@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 14:11  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Ranked choice voting worked well. Opponents have claimed it's too complicated, which is insulting to Alaska voters. Ranked choice voting is straightforward and sensible. Please respect the views of Alaska residents, who have shown they are overwhelmingly in favor of keeping ranked choice voting.

Sincerely,  
Henry Huntington  
23834 The Clearing Dr Eagle River, AK 99577-9659 henryphuntington@google.com

**Jake Almeida**

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**From:** Cindy Tripp Johnson <azurewild@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 14:11  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Cc:** Rep. Bryce Edgmon  
**Subject:** Rank choice voting  
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I strongly support Rank Choice Voting.

I think it let's people vote for who they want and can vote for anyone on the ballot regardless of political party.

Cynthia Tripp Johnson



**Jake Almeida**

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**From:** ccairnes <ccaairnes@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 14:16  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** No on House Bill 4

Ranked choice voting and open primaries were easy to understand and more fair. Repealing these would be against the will of the people.

Carol Cairnes  
District 1



**Jake Almeida**

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**From:** Mark Carr <mrcarr@ak.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 14:18  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Cc:** Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Jamie Allard; Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. Andrew Gray; Rep. Cliff Groh  
**Subject:** Ranked Choice voting

**t:**

Greetings,

I'm a long time Alaskan who supports our ranked choice voting system. I support it because:

-the winning candidate must receive a majority of votes, rather only a plurality, insuring that the winner is supported by a majority of constituents.

-It shifts the power from party elites to voters to select the best candidates.

-Extreme candidates are less likely to get elected as candidates must appeal to a broad spectrum of voters to win a majority of votes in most cases.

Contrary to some reports, I found that the ranked choice ballots and process were easy to understand and navigate.

The voters spoke when they approved the Ballet measure creating the ranked choice system. Any attempt to repeal this system, is going against the will of the majority of Alaskan voters.

**Mark Carr**  
Anchorage, Alaska

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Michelle Sparck <Michelle.Sparck@citci.org>  
**Sent: To:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 14:18  
**Subject:** House Judiciary  
Comments on HB4: S6138

To the Honorable Committee Members of the House Judiciary Committee:

My name is Michelle Sparck, my Cup'ik name is Macuar and I am a member of the Qissunamiut Tribe of Chevak. I grew up in Bethel and have worked in politics my whole adult life. I am pleased to provide some observations to the Committee on our experience with the new election law, and how it pertains to HB4 under your consideration.

Get Out the Native Vote is a non-partisan statewide voter education organization housed under the Cook Inlet Tribal Council based out of Anchorage, and as its first ever director, we are proud to say that GOTNV was instrumental in assisting the Lt. Governor's office, the Division of Elections in improving operations in a number of the 131 precincts out of the 401 that rely on the U.S. Postal Service for delivery of election equipment and the close out process. We also assisted in the recruitment of emergency election workers, and surmounting a few other systemic barriers that are inherent in the challenging geography, and the cultural and language hurdles in our state.

As I'm sure you would agree, three statewide elections in six months was a marathon of voter engagement, and we'd like to share how we fared under the new voting law's first application in the 2022 election cycle. Having only 90 days to prepare for a new and unexpected statewide election was a challenge to us all in the passing of Congressman Don Young, and the Rural Native districts suffered consequences in the all by-mail ballot process. For House District 38 alone, we had an 11.29% ballot rejection rate, and nearly 1,200 ballots thrown out for House Districts 36-40. Perhaps most ballots went uncounted because of problems with information on the envelope, incorrect identifiers or a lack of a witness signature, but we remain concerned of how Saturday operations of the Postal Service in some precincts may have played a role in the rejection of 1,897 for having their ballot postmarked after election day.

However, we are comfortable contending that the qualities of the new election law did not factor into the rejection rate. While it may have been overwhelming for Alaskans to see 48 names on the special primary ballot, the Native community had already supported the concept of an open primary for a dozen years. The Delegates to the 2011 Alaska Federation of Natives convention passed resolution 10, encouraging Alaskans to opt in as "undeclared" so they could choose the primaries they wished to participate in, while urging the Governor to provide In Person Absentee voting in the villages, and to have the Legislature allow for election day voter registration.

Consequently, we feel the pick-one open primary showed a representation rarely seen by our community, we had four Alaska Natives run for office, and two of them made the top five highest vote getters.

In 2015, AFN also passed a resolution supporting the Permanent Fund Dividend Voter Registration Initiative. Automatic Voter Registration is an amazing program, one that may be taken for granted, but one we cannot afford to lose as we work toward encouraging voter turnout.

Ranked Choice Voting does require a learning curve, and though it would have been a challenge to rank four candidates in our first experience, the fact that a candidate withdrew to have his name taken off the ballot made RCV a lot easier to explain where the least vote getter in the Special Election faced elimination, and so long as their supporter ranked at least a second choice, they remained involved in the instant run-off between the two remaining candidates. The law does not force voters to rank more than one choice, and exhausted ballots are a personal choice for voters who choose not to rank beyond their preferred candidate. To GOTNV, every vote counts, but we did observe that House Districts 36-40 only suffered 99 rejection ballots in this round. We also saw an increase of voter turnout by 4,526 over the June performance.

In our second experience with RCV in the mid-terms, HD36-40 had an even greater turnout of 6,819 more voters from the August special election, and a ballot rejection rate of 199. RCV did not seem to be a deterrent to voting, and voters did not suffer the same rate of rejection in either RCV ballots as we did with the all by mail special primary.

Perhaps the Native community may still need time for better consensus on the new election law; however, in the meantime, we are going about our duty to improve outreach and voter education in the lead up to the next statewide elections.

Quyana, thank you for your time.

Michelle

Michelle (Macuar) Sparck

Director of Strategic Initiatives

CITC: Get Out the **Native** Vote

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## Jake Almeida

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**From:** amosstephens@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Amos Stephens  
<amosstephens@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 14:20  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact. This is simply a power grab. If a candidate is worthy of his or her experience, and character he or she will be chosen. We don't need the Republican or Democratic party in charge of whom we can choose.

Sincerely,  
Amos Stephens  
6941 W Hemmer Dr **Wasilla**, AK 99623-1098 amosstephens@yahoo.com

**Jake Almeida**

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**From:** Larry Daniels <lkdanielsak@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 14:24  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** Opposed to HS 4  
**t:**

**I support Ranked Choice Voting!** The Republican party needs to realize that open primaries can work for them if they stop nominating extreme candidates for statewide office.

Larry Daniels  
Girdwood Registered voter and **FORMER Republican** now independent.

907-229-2550

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** lostvalleykeb@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kate Bollen  
<lostvalleykeb@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent** Thursday, May 11, 2023 14:27  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I deeply value Alaska's open primaries and ranked-choice voting system. I'm proud to live in a state where my vote is recognized more readily than those states without ranked-choice voting, and I speak highly of the system to family and friends in other states who have the option of adopting ranked-choice voting.

Therefore, I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system.

Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. I urge you to focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Kate Bollen  
2704 E 20th Ave Anchorage, AK 99508-3220 lostvalleykeb@gmail.com

**Jake Almeida**

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**From:** Yvonne Leutwyler <yvonneleutwyler@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 14:28  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Cc:** Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Jamie Allard; Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. Andrew Gray; Rep. Cliff Groh  
**Subject:** I oppose House BHI 4

Dear members of the House Judiciary Committee,

I am appalled by the fast-tracking of House Bill 4 to repeal open primaries and ranked choice voting.

This voting system is fair and gives the public the opportunity to vote for the best candidate. The people of Alaska have chosen this system, and it has proven to be effective. It would be ignorant and disrespectful for legislators to overturn it at the earliest opportunity.

I strongly oppose House Bill 4.

Respectfully,  
Yvonne Leutwyler  
Homer, AK resident



## Jake Almeida

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**From:** lenz.drew@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Andrew Lenz  
<lenz.drew@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 14:38  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. Rabid partisans on the left and right are driving extreme agendas that most Alaskans (and Americans) in the "silent middle" do not agree with. Polarization is paralyzing and destroying our country. The only reason to get rid of ranked-choice, is if you are extreme on one side or the other.

In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Andrew Lenz  
1834 Rogers Park Ct Anchorage, AK 99508-4071 lenz.drew@gmail.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** lisa@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Lisa Peltola <lisa@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 14:39  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,

Lisa Peltola

2801 Pelican Dr Anchorage, AK 99502-1687 lisa@arcticbrewingsupply.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** gaellirv@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Gael Irvine  
<gaellirv@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 14:40  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our **state** money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Gael Irvine  
**PO Box** 139 Palmer, AK 99645-0139  
gaelHrv@gmail.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** hiltybrady@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Su Hilty  
<hiltybrady@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 14:41  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Su Hilty  
5650 Gantt Rd Sarasota, FL 34233-3237  
hiltybrady@aol.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Julian Mason <julian@ak.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 14:42  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** HB4

I voted for RCV, I understand it, and I want to keep it. I keep hearing the argument that it is hard to understand. Not true, based on the testimony at Rep. Shaw's hearing. The people want open primaries and multiple choices. The voters are smart enough to understand RCV and their vote to implement RCV should be honored.

Thank you for considering my views. J

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## Jake Almeida

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**From:** John Pender <pender@mosquitonet.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 14:42  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** support for ranked choice voting

Good day-

I have been voting in Alaska for SO years and I have never been so pleased as when I first voted in an open primary and then a ranked-choice election in 2022. This is the best voting system I have ever seen or even heard of, so it surprises me not one little bit that the people who lost their elections last year are unhappy with the system.

Alaskans have an open primary and the ranked-choke system because Alaskans voted to put this system in place. Do not thwart the will of the people by reverting to the old system by doing a legislative end run.

Sincerely,

John Pender  
1668 Skyflight Ave  
Fairbanks, AK 99709

**Jake Almeida**

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**From:** Penelope **Wells** <pawells@gci.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 5, 2023 15:28  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** Public Testimony on House Bill 4

Re: Public Testimony on House Bill 4

I am against House BiJl 4 introduced by Rep. Representative Sarah Vance of Homer attempting to Repeal Ranked-Choice Voting.

I liked the new Ranked-Choice Voting system. It was a more inclusive, fairer system and I was satisfied with how the 2022 general elections turned out.

Sincerely,

Penelope Wells  
Voter ID 8656879  
Anchorage District 5  
2020 Muldoon Rd Unit #106  
Anchorage AK 99504  
Tel: (907) 602-5783

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** LIO Anchorage  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 9, 2023 08:36  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** FW: HB 4 re: the appeal of ranked choice voting

We received this from a constituent this morning.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Bev Lewanski <bevwewanskil@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 9, 2023 7:18 AM  
**To:** LIO Anchorage <Lio.Anchorage@akleg.gov>  
**Subject:** HB 4 re: the appeal of ranked choice voting

It was brought to my attention that this bill could be passed along. Last week, testimony overwhelmingly was opposed, to the appeal ranked choice voting.

I am speaking out again, in opposition to this bill. A citizen's initiative allowed ranked choice voting and open primaries be put on the ballot. Voters voted in favor. The legislature has no business undermining the will of the people.

If you think you have constituents that want ranked choice voting repealed, then direct them to the petition that Tschibaka and Palin are supposedly generating! In my opinion they can't accept defeat! The voters chose Murkowski and Peltola.

Sincerely,

Bev Lewanski

Sent from my iPhone



## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Brock Tabor <brocktabor@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 10, 2023 11:02  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subjed:** Opposition of HB4

Members of the House Judiciary Committee,

My name is Brock Tabor and I reside at 434 Seventh Street in Juneau, Alaska. I am not in favor of House Bill 4 or **any** efforts to repeal ranked choice voting at this time.

For several years now I have volunteered to work for the state Department of Elections (DOE) during our elections. I can say with first hand knowledge that citizens were very satisfied with the new system. I feel that DOE has done an excellent job with developing educational materials for the general public and poll workers. While there were some spoiled ballots, during the last two elections that utilized the new process, poll workers were able to provide information to participants in a timely manner and rectify issues. While I acknowledge complaints certain members of the public have made regarding the numbers of people leaving polling stations without voting, my experience has shown otherwise.

Alaska has one of the highest numbers of registered undeclared or independent voters in the country for a reason - we want to vote for candidates rather than parties or single issue platforms. Our current electorate is much less polarized than it has been in recent years and I think this will bring a certain amount of civility to our state government that appears to be lacking in other states.

This bill is a distraction from much more pressing issues (e.g., long term fiscal plan) and I ask that you vote No.

Respectfully,

Brock Tabor  
434 Seventh Street.  
Juneau, AK

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** mary griswold <mgrt@xyz.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 10, 2023 13:05  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** **HB 4**

I oppose HB 4 repealing RCV. I appreciate RCV because I can vote for good candidates regardless of party affiliation in the primary and vote in order of my preference in the general election. Under the old system, I often lamented that my second choice would have been preferable to the winner. Under RCV we have a better chance to elect someone who appeals to the most voters while avoiding a run-off election.

Mary Griswold  
Homer

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Scott Crass <scott.crass@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 10, 2023 13:34  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** Opposition to the Repeal of Ranked Choice Voting in Alaska

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Scott Crass  
1374 Sunburst Dr  
Fairbanks, Ak 99709  
[scott.crass@gmail.com](mailto:scott.crass@gmail.com)  
May 10th 2023

Dear Chair Vance and Members of the Alaska House Judiciary Committee,

I hope this letter finds you in good health and high spirits. I am writing to express my strong opposition to the repeal of ranked choice voting (RCV) in Alaska. As a concerned citizen and an advocate for fair and inclusive elections, I believe that repealing RCV would be a significant setback for our democratic process.

Ranked choice voting has proven to be an effective and valuable system for ensuring that elections accurately reflect the will of the voters. By allowing voters to rank their preferences for multiple candidates, RCV encourages candidates to appeal to a broader range of constituents and promotes civil and issue-focused campaigns. It eliminates the "spoiler effect" and reduces the need for strategic voting, thus empowering voters to choose their preferred candidates without fear of wasting their vote or compromising their values.

Alaska implemented ranked choice voting through Ballot Measure 2 in the 2020 general election, with overwhelming support from the voters. This measure aimed to address concerns about the polarization and divisiveness that can arise from our traditional "winner-takes-all" voting system. By embracing RCV, Alaska took a progressive step towards enhancing representation, promoting a more inclusive political landscape, and fostering a healthy democracy.

Repealing ranked choice voting would undermine the faith and confidence that Alaskan voters placed in our democratic institutions. It would send a message that the voices and choices of the electorate can be disregarded and overridden by political interests. Such a move would only exacerbate the growing disillusionment among citizens and perpetuate the perception that our political system is detached from the needs and aspirations of the people.

Additionally, it is worth noting that many other jurisdictions across the United States have successfully implemented ranked choice voting, including cities like San Francisco, Minneapolis, and New York City. The positive outcomes observed in these locations, such as increased voter participation, reduced negative campaigning, and improved representation, provide compelling evidence for the value of RCV.

I urge you to consider the long-term implications of repealing ranked choice voting and the potential harm it would inflict on our democracy. Instead of rolling back progress, I encourage you to explore ways to enhance and expand the implementation of ranked choice voting in Alaska. By doing so, we can demonstrate our commitment to fair elections and strengthen the democratic principles that lie at the heart of our great state.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I kindly request that you take my concerns into account and vote against the repeal of ranked choice voting. I trust in your leadership and dedication to upholding the principles of democracy.

Yours sincerely,

**Scott Crass**

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Laura Stats <laurastatsdaugherty@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 10, 2023 13:44  
**To:** Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. Andrew Gray; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. Jamie Allard; Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. Cliff Groh; House Judiciary  
**Cc:** Rep. Sara Hannan; Rep. Andi Story  
**Subject:** HB 4 Do no pass  
**t:**

Representative Sarah Vance and Members of the House Judiciary Committee,

I am opposed to HB 4. Do not repeal the choice of the people. I listened to the 2 hours of testimony of the 1st day the House Affairs Committee considered this bill and testified at that meeting. Most of those against the bill (who were the minority of the people testifying that day) were making statements how they felt their votes didn't count or the process was too complicated. I am not sure why they feel that.

I, myself am absolutely in favor of Ranked Choice Voting. I feel it allows for me to rank my choices of who I want to see in office and let the process work. This allows my vote to work to the maximum degree. I understand the candidate needs to win by a majority, it may not be my first choice however this process aptly reflects who the majority of people want to see in office. I am for that.

I respectfully appreciate why Rep. Vance created this bill to the as she explained her constituents reached out to her. Perhaps these constituents were listening to candidates who lost the election and blamed it on RCV. There have been opponents to this process who have emotionally characterizing RCV as something it is not. Unfortunately stirring up such charged rhetoric puts fear in the minds of our citizens.

Please allow RCV to prevail and I encourage you to not **pass** this out of your committee.

Sincerely,  
Laura Stats  
418 7th St  
Juneau, AK 99801

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Randy Busch <northernemerald@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 10, 2023 15:48  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** DEFEAT HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I am adamantly OPPOSED to HB 4.

Ranked Choice Voting has already been chosen by the voters of Alaska, receiving with over 50%. Only the losers of the last election are trying to repeal ranked choice.

Ranked choice gives individual voters more control over party politics and is a far more fair. If my first choice or even second choice candidate does not win in a ranked choice election, then I can accept that the candidate who did win received the most first, second and third total votes, so I am accepting of their win.

Please do not support the repeal of ranked choice voting.

Sincerely,  
Randy Busch  
Kodiak

**Jake Almeida**

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**From:** Dan Busch <cohokodiak@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 10, 2023 15:51  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** DEFEAT HB4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I am adamantly OPPOSED to HB 4.

The elections this year were the best and most fair of any in the last 50+ years that I have been voting in Alaska.

Please DO NOT support the repeal of ranked choice voting.

Sincerely,  
Dan Busch  
Kodiak

**Jake Almeida**

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**From:** Mary Smerud <mary.smerud@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 10, 2023 17:11  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject** Do not repeal Ranked Choice Voting

Please allow Ranked Choice Voting and Open Primaries to remain in place.

There are many resources available to help anyone with questions about voting in either election.



## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Irene Bartnick <ibortnick@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 10, 2023 17:17  
**To:** House Judiciary; Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Jamie Allard; Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. Andrew Gray; Rep. Cliff Groh  
**Cc:** Rep. Alyse Galvin  
**Subject:** Opposition to HB 4  
**t:**

My name is Irene Bortnick and I live in House District 14.

I am writing in strong opposition to HB 4, a bill to repeal Ranked Choice Voting/Open Primary.

Both RCV and the Open Primary are very popular in Alaska. Other states and communities are looking into adopting these too. I wish that we had RCV for local municipal elections as well.

While this is a good system anywhere, it works particularly well for Alaska where a large portion of the electorate identifies as Independent.

Please vote NO on HB 4 and keep our elections as they currently stand.

Sincerely,

Irene Bartnick

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** conniefredenberg@mtaonline.net  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 10, 2023 17:48  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Cc:** Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Jamie Allard; Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. Andrew Gray; Rep. Cliff Groh; Rep. Delena Johnson  
**Subject:** NO to HB 4

**t:**

Good evening,

I did provide public testimony over the phone yesterday against HB 4. The overwhelming testimony against HB 4 in its two hearings should've put a stop to this - but obviously not.

Open primaries are a good thing. Ranked Choice Voting is a good thing. It's not complicated. To say it is confusing is disingenuous. Open primaries and RCV offer voters more choices than just the two extremes from each party. It does not favor democratic or republican candidates - but it does, in the end, elect the person most acceptable to the most people.

I understand some Republicans are upset that they didn't win. Well, if they weren't so polarizing, they might've won!

We, the people of Alaska, voted for this. For you to spend all this time just to undermine the will of the people when there are so many important issues for you to be addressing before this session ends is exactly why the Republican party is losing support - both in Alaska and America.

*connie* Fredeberg

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**Jake Almeida**

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**From:** Dana TrufferMoudra <danainalaska@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 06:58  
**To:** House Judiciary; danainalaska@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** in support of ranked choice voting  
**t:**

Dear Judiciary Committee,

I fully support ranked choice voting. It makes my choice count, and if my first choice does not make it, it goes into instant runoff - it makes my second choice count, etc. Overall, I do feel like it gives us candidates that are liked by the most people. And less extreme candidates. More strawberry ice cream, less dragonfruit ice cream. And even if I choose dragonfruit ice cream as my first choice, if that one gets bumped out, my second choice gets counted at that point - instant runoff.

Please keep the ranked choice voting.

Sincerely,

Dana

Dana Truffer-Moudra // Fairbanks// danainalaska@yahoo.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Barbara McDaniel <barbara1@mtaonline.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 07:06  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** Keep Ranked Choice Voting

Committee members:

I am a 71-year, lifelong, South Central Alaskan resident. So, of course I very much appreciate our "Ranked Choice" voting system.

Please keep Alaska's current, outstanding, ranked choice voting system. Let us keep it's improved, open and accessible voting opportunities for Alaskans by continuing ranked choice voting.

Barbara McDaniel  
Wasilla, AK. 99623  
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**From:** Joan Diamond <buddy4@ak.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 07:23  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** HB 4, ranked choice

To all House Judiciary Members,

I support open primaries and rank choice. Please spend your time on the greater good instead of your own. Focus these last few days on adequate funding public education for our children and policy for employment and retirement that will bring back young talent to our state. I support a \$1300 pfd. You are not here to change the vote of the people but instead to fund government for Alaskans.

Joan Diamond  
Anchorage, Ak

Sent from my iPhone

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Lopez <lopez@alaska.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 07:54  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** HB4

I am in opposition to HB4. I do not want a repeal of Ranked Choice Voting. RCV offers more choice and a stronger voice for Voters during elections. RCV was voted on and passed by a majority of voters and should not be repealed.

Anthony Lopez

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy Tab SSe, an AT&T 4G LTE tablet

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Kimberly Hunt <khmedi8s@gmail.com>  
**Sent;** Thursday, May 11, 2023 08:00  
**To:** Rep. Jamie Allard; Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. Andrew Gray; Rep. Cliff Groh; House Judiciary  
**Subject:** Even though HB #4 has 68% opposition, Here I am again: I SUPPORT DEMOCRACY AND I OPPOSE HB#4

Dear Representatives:

I am writing today to voice my opposition to HB #4 and to ask you all to take even stronger stances against the nuts who are out to ransack Alaska. It seems our government (city in Anchorage and State under Tall Guy} are hanging by threads- we need to make sure we're not just handing Alaska's best, most, and finest to oil companies and their executives; they need to be paying AK citizens more. We need to buttress our education system, both at the K-12 level and university levels, and we need to preserve democracy: Even with 68% against, someone Just Had to re-present HB #4. I am still a firm NO-- I think ranked choice voting prevents an unfair disadvantage, and any way we can promote democracy and people who actually want to be public servants and serve citizens rather than their cronies...

That's what I'm for.

Kimberly Hunt (Kim)  
907-855-9374 (EST -4)



## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Christy Everett <christyeverett.personal@gmail.com >  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 08:23  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Cc:** Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Jamie Allard; Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. Andrew Gray; Rep. Cliff Groh  
**Subject:** Please vote NO on HB4: Don't repeal ranked choice voting!  
**t:**

Dear Representatives:

As a 36 year North Pole resident and voter, I urge you to vote no on HB4 for these reasons:

- Ranked choice voting was voted in through a citizen initiative. It should not be repealed so soon after implementation.
- It has proven to open up the playing field to more candidates while ensuring the successful candidate has been selected by the majority of voters.
- The Alaskan electorate is smart enough to understand the process. I volunteered at a Tanana Valley Fair booth that helped to educate voters on the ranked choice process, and frequently heard "It's much simpler than I thought it would be".
- It has been successful for years in other places, and it prevents the party machines from trampling our Alaskan independent spirit!

Thank you for your attention to these comments.

Sincerely,

Christine Everett  
2308 Robinson Cir, North Pole, AK 99705  
907-460-0941

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Michael Dinneen <michael@dinneenphoto.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 08:45  
**To:** Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Jamie Allard; Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. Andrew Gray; Rep. Cliff Groh; House Judiciary  
**Subject:** House Bill 4

Good Day,

I urge you in the strongest possible terms to **respect the will of the voters** of the great State of Alaska who have already spoken on the issue of ranked choice voting. You are all in your positions because of the voters of this state and to move to repeal would be a violation of their will.

Regards,

Michael Dinneen

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Mark Berry <alaskaberrys@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 08:53  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Cc:** Rep. Andrew Gray; Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. Cliff Groh; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. Jamie Allard; Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Subject:** Re: Open primaries and rank choice voting

Dear Legislators,

I'm writing to urge you to not pass House Bill 4 that would repeal open primaries and rank choice voting, which were already chosen by the public. I see this bill as an act for candidates with deep pockets to insure their victory - ones that didn't win in 2022. But ranked choice voting truly levels the playing field. It is a much more fair way for voters voices to be heard.

Instead of reversing the will of the voters who chose to **give** ranked choice voting a try, your job is to represent us and leave rank choice voting and open primaries in place.

Thank you,

Mark Berry

P.O. Box 105  
Gustavus, AK 99826

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Frank Rue <frankrue44@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 09:01  
**To:** House Judiciary; Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Jamie Allard; Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. Andrew Gray; Rep. Cliff Groh  
**Subject:** Please Oppose HB 4

Thank you for the opportunity to give testimony on HB 4, Elections: Repeal Rank Choice/Open Primary.

I ask that you oppose HB 4, and respect the majority of Alaskan voters who voted to adopt rank choice voting and open primaries.

I am a 46-year Alaskan, I have been an active voter all my adult life. I believe it would be a serious mistake to repeal these voting reforms now; we should respect the will of the voters in **passing** this initiative, and see how it works for several election cycles before making any changes.

The rank choice voting system responded to the desires of most Alaskans to have the opportunity to elect people who were more representative of the majority of Alaskans. We need elected leaders who can work together for the good of the majority, not extremists who can't put the common good first.

Sincerely,

Frank Rue  
7093 Hendrickson Rd  
Juneau, Alaska

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Judy Andree <jagster42@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 09:02  
**To:** House Judiciary; Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Jamie Allard; Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. Andrew Gray; Rep. Cliff Groh  
**Subject:** Please Vote No on HB 4

May 11, 2023

Dear Members of the House Judiciary Committee:

We are citizens of Alaska and have been so for more than fifty years. Bob arrived after ending his tour in the Vietnam War, and Judy came to teach and after retirement has worked part-time for the last 13 years as an election worker. We are writing to express our concerns about HB 4, a bill that we do not support.

We like both Ranked Choice Voting and Open Primaries. We feel that both of these practices strengthen democracy.

We like Open Primaries because it allows all registered voters to have a say about who will be the candidates in the general election. Even though there may be a larger number of candidates running in the open primary system, Open Primaries have the potential to eventually increase voter turnout in the primary elections if voters have several election cycles to adjust to the change. And they give all voters the right to participate in all levels of an election.

Our support for Ranked Choice Voting is also based on its potential to strengthen democracy. We need officials who will work across the aisle to solve issues and problems facing the State of Alaska and its residents. Party should not come before country and RCV has the ability to moderate the tendency we see in today's governance at all levels that tends toward party power rather than country governance.

We urge you to vote against HB 4 and by doing so strengthen our democracy and the State of Alaska. Thank you for your work in the Alaska Legislature.

Sincerely,  
Bob and Judy Andree  
Juneau, Alaska

Bob & Judy Andree  
5985 Lund Street  
Juneau, Alaska 99801  
907-780-6767 (home)  
907-321-1559 (cell)

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Merry Ellefson/ Wayne Carnes <merrywayne@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 09:22  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Cc:** Rep. Sara Hannan; Rep. Andi Story; Sen. Jesse Kiehl  
**Subject:** House Bill 4 is in opposition to Alaskans

Members of the House Judiciary,

The movement to repeal open primaries and ranked choice voting flies in the face of democracy. This movement NEGATES our vote, and suggests party privilege.

Please oppose House Bill 4.

Respectfully,

Merry Ellefson  
PO Box 240258  
Douglas, AK 99824

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Stuart Grenier <stugrenier@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 09:31  
**To:** House Judiciary; representative.cliff.groh@akleg.gov;  
representative.sarah.vance@akleg.gov; representative.ben.carpenter@akleg.gov;  
representative.craig.johnson@akleg.gov; representative.david.eastman@akleg.gov;  
representative.andrew.gray@akleg.gov; Selina Metoyer; David Ulmer; George Martinez;  
Karen Bronga; mayor@muni.org; Murray Crookes; Ron Meehan; Ken; Judy Jessen; Marc  
Grober  
**Subject:** Ranked Choice is the way to go!!

To whom it may concern

Why are you folks even talking about this after it was so recently passed in a **state** wide ballot? I voted in the ranked choice election and found it in powering. Here is why and why we at the Northeast Community Council in Muldoon are talking about making all Muni Election Ranked Choice. It puts the power in the hands of the voters not some PARTY HACKS THAT ARE TRYING PREVENT REAL CHOICE AT THE BALLOT BOX AND PRESERVE THEIR MINORITY CONTROL OF THE ELECTORAL PROCESS.

For example think about Ross Perot and what happened in that election. Without rank choice you end up supporting spoilers. Remember in this day and age folks are voting against people more than they are voting for people. Facebook has made millions off of the idea that if you can get folks stirred up and angry they spend more time on the platform thus bringing more money in by playing the division card. ranked Choice voting offers a way out of this mess.. When I vote I want to vote for someone NOT out of fear of the "other" joker getting but because I like em.

In our most recent municipal election for Assembly here in Anchorage we had only two folks running. What a boring choice that was was my feeling. After experiencing voting In the State Ranked Choice Election I loved having all the choices and not having to worry about wasting my vote by voting for the best candidate and allowing the one person I least liked to get elected. Ranked Choice removes that possibility.

As for why I think you yahoos in Juneau are even talking about this now I think it has to do with a new word I learned a while back. I am not sure I can spell it but I think it is DUOPOPLY. It means when two parties or groups work to keep control of a system to themselves. Well, folks ranked choice is how you take care of duopolist, It allows for non duopolist to have a real chance. It makes voting a POSITIVE event and that is what this Muni, state, and country need. So for you folks trying to undermine our election process to keep you nonsense cronies in power we see exactly who you are and what you are up to!

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Emily Kane <dremilykane@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 09:32  
**To:** Rep. Jamie Allard; Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. Andrew Gray; Rep. Cliff Groh  
**Cc:** House Judiciary; Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Subject:** HB4

Dear Legislators

I strongly oppose HB 4. A majority of Alaskans voted for RCV and open primaries in November of 2020. Some Alaskans don't like the moderating, democratizing, force of voting for the best candidate, as opposed to extremist party ideology. Your job is to respond to the will of the majority, especially when it comes to elections and social welfare.

Please stop this bill today.

Sincerely

Dr Emily Kane

Juneau

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Be good to yourself :)



## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Paul Berry <pnberry@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 09:33  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Cc:** Rep. Andrew Gray; Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. Cliff Groh; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. Jamie Allard; Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Subject:** Open primaries and rank choice voting

Dear Legislators,

Please do not pass House Bill 4 which would repeal open primaries and rank choice voting. Rank choice voting, while unpopular by some who have lost with this process, is actually a very good way for the public to select who they really want in office. Open primaries and rank choice voting allows us to vote for people rather than parties.

Sincerely,

Paul Berry  
Gustavus, Alaska

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Charles Klever <charlesk@yukoneq.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 09:51  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** ranked choice works

Ranked choice voting works. Those opposed have stated that the repeal of ranked choice would make it easier to get more conservative candidates elected. Ranked choice works for every candidate not just those with a hidden or extreme agenda.

Charles Klever  
President  
907-277-1541  
907-229-4996 cell



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## Jake Almeida

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**From:** William Saltonstall <willsaltonstall@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 09:57  
**To:** House Judiciary; Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Subject** House bill 4

We strongly oppose House Bill 4. Personally, in over 40 years of voting in Alaska the 2022 election was the first time I did not feel my voice was shut out by the closed primary system. My wife, who has voted here since 1994 feels the same.

We voted to install Ranked Choice Voting, we found it easy to understand, we voted for candidates of both major parties both of whom won. We did not have to choose between a hard right republican chosen in a closed primary and an unlikely Democratic candidate.

If you want to protect elections in Alaska we recommend you start by respecting the voice of the electorate who chose Ranked Choice Voting.

Respectfully

Will & **Beth** Saltonstall  
Anchorage

**Jake Almeida**

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**From:** Eric Gucker <ericgucker@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 10:23  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Cc:** Dan.Ortiz@akleg.gov  
**Subject:** Fwd: HB4

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**From:** Eric Gucker <ericgucker@gmail.com>  
**Date:** May 7, 2023 at 5:05:58 PM AKDT  
**To:** house.state.affairs@akleg.gov  
**Subject:** HB4

I am a third generation Alaskan and I strongly support our new rank choice voting system, as do the majority of Alaskans who voted it into law recently. It may be unfortunate that it's not to the liking of a particular political party, but legislators are elected to do the will of the people not their party. We want more choices, not less. We want more inclusion, not exclusion. We want more civility and respect in our election process, not mudslinging. We want Alaska's good to be your focus, not party preservation or reelection.

Rank choice voting has proven to be very simple and very positive. In fact, many other states are switching to this system because of the obvious benefits. We should be proud that we have made improvements to our election process. Let's not go backwards.

Thank you for your time and consideration,  
Eric Gucker

Sent from my iPhone

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** moss.leah@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Leah moss  
<moss.leah@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 10:27  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,

Leah moss

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## Jake Almeida

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**From:** bonnieclouser@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Bonnie Clouser  
<bonnieclouser@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 10:27  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Bonnie Clouser  
1944 Beaver PI Anchorage, AK 99504-2525 bonnieclouser@yahoo.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Ben Muse <muse.ben@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 10:38  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Cc:** Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Jamie Allard; Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. Andrew Gray; Rep. Cliff Groh; Rep. Sara Hannan  
**Subject:** Testimony on HB 4 for May 11 hearing

**t:**

Dear Members of the House Judiciary Committee,

I urge you to oppose HB 4. I think the voters' decision to create open primaries and use rank choice voting in general elections was a good one.

I like the opportunity to have a voice in selecting all the candidates coming out of the primary cycle. I also like the opportunity to rank all the candidates in the general election because even if my first choice gets knocked out I still have a say in the outcome. As a voter I can express more detailed preferences over the full range of candidates.

As a result of these changes, elections have become more democratic.

Some have argued that the ranked-choice system confuses voters. My wife and I had no problem understanding and voting in Alaska's 2022 ranked-choice elections. Survey research suggests that almost 80% of voters felt that the ranked-choice vote system was reasonably simple ([https://urldefense.com/v3/\\_https://alaskansforbetterelections.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Patinkin\\_Alaska\\_Exit\\_Poll.pdf\\_](https://urldefense.com/v3/_https://alaskansforbetterelections.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Patinkin_Alaska_Exit_Poll.pdf_); !!LdQKC6s!Kj8J4KbKBoU2fBVPCXpexecCZI-5OpGojVSIfqxFqXFuEHRKiqraGKhBqeDcWA97FNUIyKbYJXI3yENJHh4bgZW\$ linked on April 30, 2023). As time passes and voters get used to ranked-choice voting fewer and fewer people will have problems.

Others may be afraid that ranked-choice voting favors liberals or conservatives. The results of the 2022 election show that that's not correct. There was no overall trend. We got a conservative governor, and moderates in the U.S. House and Senate. The organization of the Alaska House shifted towards the right, while the organization of the Alaska Senate shifted **towards** the left.

Sincerely,

Ben **Muse**  
Juneau

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** gdox@gci.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 10:43  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Cc:** Rep. Laddie Shaw; Sen. Cathy Giessel  
**Subject:** Rank Choice Voting  
**t:**

Hello,

We support ranked choice voting for the following reasons.

It gives constituents more choice at the ballot box.

It reduces the effect of negative campaigning.

It gives a more equitable representation to voters by allowing a larger group of candidates.

Over time it will increase voter participation by allowing people to express their preferences.

Please vote against House bill 4 to repeal Ranked Choice Voting.

Thank You,

Jerry and Carol Fox  
PO Box 1151  
Girdwood AK 99587



## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Brian <blolsons@alaska.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 10:42  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Cc:** Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Jamie Allard; Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. Andrew Gray; Rep. Cliff Groh; Rep. Justin Ruffridge  
**Subject:** HB 4 and Ranked choice voting

To the members of the committee,

I oppose House Bill 4.

After the testimony last week in the House State Affairs committee that supported ranked choice voting by over 60%, I was shocked that HB 4 was moved forward to the House Judiciary Committee.

This is an obvious attempt to disregard the voters' choice implementing ranked choice voting and House Bill 4 must be defeated

Open primaries are the most efficient and fairest way for voters to choose candidates for office and I wholeheartedly support ranked choice voting.

Again, House Bill 4 must be defeated.

Brian Olson  
48660 W Poppy Ln  
Soldotna, AK 99669

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** holly223@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Holly Hill <holly223@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent** Thursday, May 11, 2023 10:49  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Holly Hill  
5522 Cope St Anchorage, AK 99518-1055  
holly223@hotmail.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** mrbojangles@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Sheri Whitethorn  
<mrbojangles@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 10:50  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

**Dear** House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system.

Repealing our new voting system is not what the voters of Alaska want, in fact, the recent testimony to the House State Affairs Committee demonstrated overwhelming opposition to HB4.

Most voters said that voting in our last election was easy to very easy, and not confusing to them.

Please leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact, as is.

Sincerely,

Sheri Whitethorn

3306 E 17th Ave Anchorage, AK 99508-3323 mrbojangles@alaskan.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Barbara Brown <holdthisthought@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 10:50  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Cc:** Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Jamie Allard; Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. Andrew Gray; Rep. Cliff Groh; Rep. Alyse Galvin  
**Subject:** I oppose House Bill 4

When Alaska's voters supported ranked choice voting with their votes, they were not asking the legislature to overturn it later. They were asking ranked choice voting to be their choice for conducting elections. Please respect this vote of the people.

I work the elections as a poll worker. I answer questions, replace spoiled ballots, etc. and have for a decade. The ranked-choice ballot elections involved no extra confusion, no higher percentage of spoiled ballots. People, once they understood it - and it's not rocket science - actually appreciate the chance to outline their second choice. It means their vote doesn't just stop with one chance at being heard.

Please respect the voters' decision and oppose HB4. Thank you.

Barbara Brown

**Jake Almeida**

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**From:** Kathy O'Reilly-Doyle <kod4960@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 10:54  
**To:** Rep. Ben Carpenter; House Judiciary; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. Andrew Gray; Rep. Cliff Groh; Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Jamie Allard  
**Cc:** Representative.Cathy.Giessel@akleg.gov  
**Subject:** Ranked Choice Voting should be kept in place  
**t:**

**Please vote NO on any effort to eliminate Ranked Choice voting.**

The majority of Alaskans voted FOR Ranked Choice voting as they were (and STILL ARE) tired of Partisan Politics. Alaskans want elected officials in place that will serve the highest interests and needs of ALL Alaskans.

I find the very thought of this backdoor approach to trying to undue our current system of Ranked Choice voting, insulting to the residents of Alaska, who made it quite clear that a change was needed in the old system, which often resulted in the election of people not very able or qualified for seeing beyond their own self interests.

Kathleen M. O'Reilly-Doyle  
Anchorage, AK

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** kyla@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of kyla kosednar  
<kyla@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 10:58  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
kyla kosednar  
2201 Daybreak Ct Anchorage, AK 99501-5718 kyla@akcenter.org

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Steve Lewis <[lewis.stevak@gmail.com](mailto:lewis.stevak@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 11:03  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** Opposed to House Bill 4

House Judiciary Committee,

I am opposed to House Bill 4 and to any efforts to repeal the current Alaskan system of open primaries and ranked choice voting. This system was put in place at the will of a majority of the voters and is only opposed by a minority who feel that it threatens their grip on political control and power.

Do not allow a minority to dictate to the rest of the **state**. Do not advance House Bill 4

Thank you,

Steve Lewis  
[lewis.stevak@gmail.com](mailto:lewis.stevak@gmail.com)  
907-240-9412 cell

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** cheesebowler@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Glen Lopez  
<cheesebowler@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 11:03  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Glen Lopez  
1010 Wilshire Ave Anchorage, AK 99503-5623 cheesebowler@yahoo.com



## Jake Almeida

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**From:** starleecounts@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Starlee Counts  
<starleecounts@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 11:04  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4  
**t:**

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Starlee Counts  
5146 Sillary Cir Anchorage, AK 99508-4943 starleecounts@gmail.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** garyl@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of gary Jorusso  
<garyl@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent** Thursday, May 11, 2023 11:05  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

Ranked choice voting proved to be representative of the will of the majority of the residents ( your constituents).

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
gary lorusso  
3635 N Vista Cir Palmer, AK 99645  
garyl@mtaonline.net

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** shuyakland@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of K.Murphy  
<shuyakland@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 11:06  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
K. Murphy  
AMALGA Hbr Juneau, AK 99801  
shuyakland@yahoo.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** jah\_1976@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jennifer Doherty <jah\_1976@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 11:07  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

The people already decided this.

Sincerely,  
Jennifer Doherty  
8530 Solar Dr Anchorage, AK 99507-3741  
jah\_1976@yahoo.com

**Jake Almeida**

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**From:** cabtrip3@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Chilton Bowman <cabtrip3@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent: To:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 11:07  
**Subject:** House Judiciary  
I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

J'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Chilton Bowman  
6010 N Douglas Hwy Juneau, AK 99801-9405 cabtrip3@gmail.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** danceswithferns@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Cindy Johnson  
<danceswithfems@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 11:08  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

Not again?! I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Leave rank choice voting as the voters clearly voted in.

Sincerely,

Cindy Johnson

6602 Lakeway Dr Anchorage, AK 99502-1950 danceswithferns@gmail.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** tammielouise@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Tammie Stoops  
<tammielouise@everyactioncustom.com >  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 11:08  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

Rank Choice Works!

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,

Tammie Stoops

1201 Denali St Apt 202 Anchorage, AK 99501-4594 tammielouise@gmail.com

**Jake Almeida**

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**From:** sjmfbks@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Sonia Mazurek  
<sjmfbks@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 14:11  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Sonia Mazurek  
1233 Chena Ridge Rd Fairbanks, AK 99709 sjmfbks@yahoo.com



## Jake Almeida

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**From:** ms.april.woods@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of April Woods  
<ms.april.woods@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 11:09  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Stop your corruption and listen to the people, we voted for it, we want it, get your corruption out of our voting. Focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries alone.

Sincerely,  
April Woods  
5716 Kennyhill Dr Anchorage, AK 99504-3724 ms.april.woods@gmail.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Ingrid Johnson <dinahdecember@gmail.com>  
**Sent** Thursday, May 11, 2023 11:09  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** 2023 HB4 - vote no, please :}

Hi House Judiciary Committee,

**Please respect the choice Alaskans made** to implement open primaries and ranked choice voting (also known as instant runoff voting) in the general election **and reject House Bill 4**. Open primaries ensure that candidates who have broader appeal to a greater number of Alaskans make it on the general election ballot, and RCV in the general election gives us the freedom to vote our conscience rather than trying to make difficult calculations about who has the best chance of winning. We all rank regularly in our daily lives (e.g., "I want chocolate ice cream, but if they don't have that then I want cookie dough ice cream, and if they don't have that then I want raspberry. I definitely don't want coffee ice cream.") - it's not complicated!

Ideas to continue improving democracy in Alaska might include making election **day** a state holiday so it's easier for people to participate and reducing other barriers to voting.

Thank you,

Ingrid Johnson  
South Anchorage

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** 1ituya2001@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of James Mackovjak <lituya2001@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 11:11  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** J oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I have lived in Alaska for more than 50 years, and ranked-choice voting was a breath of fresh air.

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
James Mackovjak  
PO Box 63 Gustavus, AK 99826-0063  
lituya2001@yahoo.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** marinakk@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mary Banaszak  
<marinakk@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 11:12  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4  
**t:**

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Mary Banaszak  
6133 E 22nd Ave Anchorage, AK 99504-3213 marinakk@hotmail.com

**Jake Almeida**

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**From:** brietastic@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Brianna Stuhr  
<brietastic@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 11:12  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Brianna Stuhr  
8009 Huckleberry St Anchorage, AK 99502-4369 brietastic@yahoo.com

**Jake Almeida**

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**From:** jaqalthehybrid@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of janna piper  
<jaqalthehybrid@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 11:13  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

**Dear House** Judiciary Committee,

I'm **writing** in **opposition** of **House Bill 4**, and **to show** my **support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting**. In **2020**, most **Alaskan voters** chose to **implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system**. **Repealing** our **new voting system and switching back** to the old one would **not only** confuse **voters** but **also** cost our **state money** and resources. **Please** focus on more **pressing issues this legislative session** and **leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact**.

**Sincerely,**

janna piper

**PO Box 15072 Portland, OR 97293-5072**

jaqalthehybrid@yahoo.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Barry Santana <bwsantana@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 11:13  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Cc:** Rep. David Eastman; Rep. Andrew Gray; Rep. Cliff Groh; Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Jamie Allard; Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. Craig Johnson  
**Subject:** HB 4 Comments

**t:**

In my opinion, and experience with last year's voting, Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) and open primaries are a breath of fresh air in Alaska elections. I am strongly opposed to any bill or initiative that repeals RCV and open primaries! I think that RCV could be fine-tuned to address a few minor issues that occurred during the last election cycle (the AI Gross drop-out late in the process), but as I understand it that is already under way. We have only one year's data to evaluate; don't try to fix something that is working well for most Alaskans.

Please record my vote to **NOT pass HB 4.**

Barry Santana  
3397 N meadow Lakes Dr.  
Wasilla, AK 99623

**Registered** Voter

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** lorenk@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Loren J Karro  
<lorenk@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent** Thursday, May 11, 2023 11:13  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my unwavering support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. Ranked choice voting was put in place **after** it was approved by a majority of Alaskan voters, proving **vast** public support for the system. To repeal it now would be to turn your back on the will of the people you represent. If you really believe it is not supported by the majority of Alaskan voters then wait for another initiative to repeal it. I believe that the legislature, in even considering repealing this initiative led, majority voted system, is attempting to overturn the will of the voters and put their own preference in place. In addition it would be costly to dismantle a newly installed system, money our state can ill afford to waste.

I have heard before that certain legislators believe that Alaskan's are against this new voting system, as shown by the public complaints they have received. IF this is true, it is because people are much more apt to go to their legislators with complaints then with comments that they are happy with what is!

There are so many important issues before the legislature this session, and overturning a system that passed by public vote should not be taking up your valuable time. Please move on to more pressing issues and leave ranked choice voting and open primaries intact, as decided by the majority of YOUR constituents. I would hate to believe that the legislature is doing this because they did not like the outcome of recent elections and are trying yet another way to silence the voice of the people they represent.

Sincerely,  
Loren J Karro  
26239 E Buckshot Dr Palmer, AK 99645-8208 lorenk@mtaonline.net



## Jake Almeida

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**From:** kgrovebruce@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Karyn Grove-Bruce  
<kgrovebruce@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 11:14  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. I am really upset and disillusioned that our government is messing around in something we the voters already spoke on. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact. This reeks of sore-loser reaction to something. Put it to a vote with the people if needed, but stop going behind our backs!

Sincerely,  
Karyn Grove-Bruce  
4701 E 145th Ave Anchorage, AK 99516-4106 kgrovebruce@gmail.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** mkohler@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Meera Kohler  
<mkohler@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 11:15  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I strenuously oppose House Bill 4, which reverses the will of your constituents who chose to implement ranked-choice voting in 2020.

Our state has far more important priorities to pursue - like funding our educational system so our children can thrive in a competitive world and adopting a fiscally responsible system so we are not engaged in an annual debate over a balanced budget.

Sincerely,  
Meera Kohler  
12800 Huffman Cir Anchorage, AK 99516-2624 mkohler@avec.org

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** discoverhomer@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Bridget Maryott  
<discoverhomer@everyactioncustom.com >  
**Sent** Thursday, May 11, 2023 11:15  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I hope this message finds you well and in good health. I am writing to express my strong opposition to House Bill 4 and to urge you to uphold the will of the Alaskan voters by preserving our recently implemented ranked-choice voting system and open primaries. As a concerned citizen deeply committed to the democratic process, I believe it is essential to protect and expand upon the reforms that reflect the desires and aspirations of the people.

In 2020, Alaskan voters overwhelmingly demonstrated their support for ranked-choice voting. This approach to elections has gained popularity across the nation due to its ability to encourage fairer representation, promote collaboration, and foster a more inclusive political landscape. Repealing our newly established ranked-choice voting system would be a disheartening betrayal of the voters who placed their trust in our democratic institutions.

Ranked-choice voting has the power to invigorate our democracy by ensuring that elected officials are chosen by a majority consensus. By allowing voters to rank their preferred candidates in order of preference, this system eliminates the "spoiler effect" and encourages candidates to appeal to a broader electorate, ultimately reducing the prevalence of negative campaigning and fostering a more constructive political discourse.

Furthermore, open primaries, which allow all registered voters to participate regardless of party affiliation, are an essential component of a truly inclusive democracy. They empower voters by giving them the freedom to choose candidates based on their merits and ideas rather than rigid party lines. Open primaries encourage collaboration, foster moderate candidates, and ensure that elected officials are accountable to the interests of all constituents, not just those of a particular party.

It is important to note that implementing ranked-choice voting required significant time, money, resources, and public engagement. The 2020 election saw an impressive voter turnout and demonstrated a clear mandate for change. Reversing course now would not only undermine the public's trust in our democratic process but also waste valuable taxpayer dollars that could be better allocated to addressing the urgent needs of our state.

As we confront pressing challenges such as economic recovery, education, healthcare, and climate change, it is paramount that our elected representatives prioritize policies that improve the lives of Alaskans and strengthen our communities. The adoption of ranked-choice voting and open primaries has already proven to be a step in the right direction, aligning our electoral system with the values of fairness, representation, and accountability.

I implore you to listen to the voices of the people, respect their decision, and reject House Bill 4. Instead, let us focus on important matters that require urgent attention during this legislative session. Protect the integrity of our democratic processes and stand as a champion for the rights and aspirations of Alaskan voters by safeguarding ranked-choice voting and open primaries.

Thank you for your dedicated service to our great state. I trust that you will make the right decision in the best interests of all Alaskans.

Sincerely,

Bridget Maryott  
53650 Mansfield Ave Homer, AK 99603  
discoverhomer@gmail.com

**Jake Almeida**

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**From:** focus12@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Tasha Anderson <focus12@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 11:16  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. It is not your place to work in opposition to the will of the majority of Alaskans. Stop wasting your time on this issue which is clearly supported by the Alaska public and instead address other issues that need your attention. Do your jobs.

Sincerely,

Tasha Anderson

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## Jake Almeida

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**From:** nickc@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Nicholas Cassara  
<nickc@everyactioncustom.com >  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 11:17  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

We the people, Choose Rank Choose voting! Respect the will of the people!

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Nicholas Cassara  
2895 N Robin Ln Palmer, AK 99645-8778  
nickc@mtaonline.net

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** dons Sherman907@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Donald Sherman  
<dons Sherman907@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 11:18  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Ranked-choice Voting was simple and effective. RCV allowed for a more congenial campaign season, too.

Sincerely,

Don Sherman  
Wrangell, AK

Sincerely,  
Donald Sherman  
PO Box 1632 Wrangell, AK 99929-1632  
dons Sherman907@gmail.com

**Jake Almeida**

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**From:** pammillerarctic@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Pamela A Miller  
<pammillerarctic@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent: To:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 11:18  
**Subject:** House Judiciary  
I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my strong support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Pamela A Miller  
1800 Musk Ox Trail Fairbanks, AK 99709-6626 pammillerarctic@gmail.com



**Jake Almeida**

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**From:** stephen.stone@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Stephen Stone  
<stephen.stone@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 11:19  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

Hello, and good day.

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Stephen Stone  
1406 W 47th Ave Anchorage, AK 99503-6979 stephen.stone@gmail.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Kenneth Privratsky <privratskyk@gmail.com>  
**Sent** Thursday, May 11, 2023 11:21  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Cc:** Rep. Sarah Vance; RepresentativeJalme.Allard@akleg.gov; Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. Cliff Groh; Rep. Laddie Shaw; representative.david.eastman@akkeg.gov  
**Subject:** House Bill 4 written testimony

I have learned that the House State Affairs Committee is holding public testimony this afternoon on whether to repeal open primaries and rank-choice voting in House Bill 4. I tried to dial in thirty times to provide public testimony to no avail.

I would like my voice heard. I have lived and voted in Alaska for thirty years. I spent thirty-three years in the military protecting our nation. I don't vote for any one party all the time. I vote for whom I think is the best candidate or what is the best stand on an issue. I disagree with anyone who tells me I can only vote for this person or that party.

Therefore, I object vociferously to any attempt to repeal open primaries and ranked-choice voting. Any change to elector-approved measures must be decided by the electors who voted and approved those measures, not by a committee in Juneau.

Please make sure my voice is heard.

Kenneth L. Privratsky  
7201 Montagne Circle  
Anchorage, AK 99507  
907-351-8876

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Igerwin1@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Linda Gerwin <lgerwin1@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 11:22  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House **Bill 4**, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters (myself included) chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system.

Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources.

Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Linda Gerwin  
11660 Suncrest Cir Anchorage, AK 99515-3139 lgerwinl@yahoo.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** lyndsaykotalik@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Lyndsay Kotalik  
<lyndsaykotalik@everyactioncustom.com >  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 11:22  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Lyndsay Kotalik  
2414 Northrup Cir Anchorage, AK 99508-4124 lyndsaykotalik@gmail.com

**Jake Almeida**

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**From:** wdlabby@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Warren Libby  
<wdlabby@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 11:23  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Ranked choice voting has resulted in more centrist candidates taking office which more accurately reflects the voter base. This candidates are more likely to work together rather than silo and argue past each other. Please keep ranked choice voting and dismiss House Bill 4. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Warren Libby  
11740 Cange St Anchorage, AK 99516-2009 wdlabby@gmail.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** hollyemmel@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Holly Cannon  
<hollyemmel@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent** Thursday, May 11, 2023 11:25  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Holly Cannon  
12800 Shelburne Rd Anchorage, AK 99516-2977 hollyemmel@gmail.com

**Jake Almeida**

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**From:** ahartsig@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Andrew Hartsig  
<ahartsig@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 11:25  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4  
**t:**

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

Judiciary Committee members:

I oppose House Bill 4 and urge you to reject it. In 2020, most Alaskan voters backed ranked-choice voting, and there was board public support for the new system. Repealing ranked-choice voting and switching back to the old system would confuse voters and incur unnecessary costs. I support open primaries and ranked-choice voting. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Andrew Hartsig  
1775 Morningtide Ct Anchorage, AK 99501-5722 ahartsig@gmail.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Nico Reijns <nrs321@gmail.com>  
**Sent** Thursday, May 11, 2023 11:26  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Cc:** Rep. Laddie Shaw; Sen. Cathy Giessel  
**Subject:** No on HB-4  
**t:**

Hello members of the House Judiciary Committee, as well as my Representative Laddie Shaw and Senator Cathy Giessel.

I am firmly against the current efforts to repeal open primaries and ranked choice voting as represented in House Bill 4, and I hope you will vote this bill down.

Our new system of voting was approved by a majority of Alaskan voters, and I find it unconscionable and hypocritical that you would override the will of Alaskan voters.

I also find the argument that ranked choice voting is "too confusing" insulting to the intelligence of the majority of your constituents.

I voted in the fall elections. I ranked my candidates 1 through 4. And in several elections, my first choice candidate did not win. But do you know who did? Someone that a majority of Alaskans agreed would make a fine elected official. Ranked choice voting and open primaries encourage moderation, compromise, and *getting things done for Alaska*.

Vote no on HB-4.

Sincerely,  
Nico Reijns  
Girdwood



## Jake Almeida

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**From:** courtneymoore907@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Courtney Moore  
<courtneymoore907@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 11:29  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4  
**t:**

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact. For the love of god stop wasting our time and money. We voted for this. Homeless people have once **again** been uprooted, there's a huge backlog of food stamps, Alaskans are struggling on the daily and you want to waste our time with this nonsense when we voted YES for ranked choice voting.

Sincerely,

Courtney Moore

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**Jake Almeida**

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**From:** bias@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Susan Vogt <bias@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 11:29  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Susan Vogt  
269 Bias Dr E Fairbanks, AK 99712-2530  
bias@alaska.net

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** cscott907@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Caroline Scott <cscott907@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent** Thursday, May 11, 2023 11:30  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Caroline Scott  
2320 Oberon Cir Anchorage, AK 99515-2535 cscott907@gmail.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** James Majetich <majetich@ymail.com>  
**Sent** Thursday, May 11, 2023 11:31  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** House Bill 4

As an Alaskan resident, I am extremely concerned with House Bill 4, which is currently being considered by the House Judiciary Committee.

This bill is an egregious attempt to overturn the will of the Alaskan people, who in 2020 voted for Ballot Measure 2 and to apply Ranked Choice Voting to our election system.

Passing House Bill 4 would be a slap in the face to Alaskans everywhere and take away our voice and ability to choose the best candidates to represent us both within the state and nationally.

As a proud Alaskan, I strongly urge you not to do the right thing and not move forward with HB-4.

James Majetich  
Palmer Resident

**Jake Almeida**

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**From:** sandy.gottstein@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Sandy Gottstein  
<sandy.gottstein@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 11:32  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Sandy Gottstein  
2808 Diligence Cir Anchorage, AK 99515-2723 sandy.gottstein@gmail.com

**Jake Almeida**

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**From:** heale.emily@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Emily Heale  
<heale.emily@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent: To:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 11:32  
**Subject:** House Judiciary  
I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Emily Heale  
52486 Treasure Chest Ave Kenai, AK 99611-9592 heale.emily@gmail.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** meviteri@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Maria Viteri  
<meviteri@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 11:32  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,

**Maria** Viteri

4921 Sportsman Dr Anchorage, AK 99502-4193 meviteri@me.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** luckeenum9@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Beth McLaughlin  
<luckeenum9@everyactioncustom.com >  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 11:32  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose **HB 4**

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Beth McLaughlin  
2388 Waldron Dr Anchorage, AK 99507-1346 luckeenum9@gmail.com



## Jake Almeida

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**From:** kivalinagrove@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kivalina Grove  
<kivalinagrove@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 11:34  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Kivalina Grove  
4701 E 145th Ave Anchorage, AK 99516-4106 kivalinagrove@gmail.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** toniablumer@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Tonia Blumer  
<toniablumer@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 11:35  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

The people of Alaska voted for ranked choice voting, it is not ok to remove something WE voted for.

I'm writing In opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Tonia Blumer  
33465 Patty Ave Sterling, AK 99672-9538 toniablumer@yahoo.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** lfinney57@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Lindsey Finney <lfinney57@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 11:35  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

RCV allows voters flexibility for how they cast their votes, encourages the election of candidates with the broadest electoral appeal and is easy to understand.

In closing, it is quite clear that certain politicians are only pushing to end RCV because they didn't like the outcome of the last election. Allowing this legislation to move forward after the voters of Alaska approved RCV is an affront to the democratic process. Please do not support House Bill 4.

Sincerely,  
Lindsey Finney  
170 S Vickie Cir Palmer, AK 99645-5912  
lfinney57@gmail.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** poirotsj@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Steven Poirot  
<poirotsj@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 11:36  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing Issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Ranked choice voting keeps the choices in the hands of the voters rather than the party powers. It also reduces the partisan polarization that has infected our country.

Sincerely,  
Steven Poirot  
7233 Foxridge Cir Unit 2 Anchorage, AK 99518-2702 poirotsj@mac.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** jeanwjames@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jean James  
<jeanwjames@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 11:38  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

NO House Bill 4!!

I strongly support open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Focus on the budget this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,

Jean James

3526 Ida Ln Fairbanks, AK 99709-2803

jeanwjames@gmail.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** katepersons@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kate Persons  
<katepersons@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 11:39  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** J oppose HB 4  
**t:**

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Kate Persons  
Kougarok Rd Mile 12 Nome, AK 99762  
katepersons@yahoo.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** myboomer1999@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Melissa Chaney  
<myboomer1999@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 11:40  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most **Alaskan** voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

The bottom line is that ranked choice did exactly what it was supposed to do....give real choices. It's not like one party got every seat. We have a very conservative governor, a relatively conservative senator and a conservative leaning representative.

Please allow voters to actually continue to have real choices. I am a super voter and for once I actually feel like my vote mattered in the state of Alaska ....I usually 1 vote because I was raised believing that voting was my civic duty,,,,and to state clearly once again this time I actually felt like my vote mattered.

Please allow the will of the people to stand.

Sincerely,  
Melissa Chaney  
4728 Canterbury Way Anchorage, AK 99503-7024 myboomer1999@gmail.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** wkwitte@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Bill Witte  
<wkwitte@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 11:40  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I oppose House Bill 4 and support open primaries and ranked-choice voting.

In 2020, i and a majority of Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting. Repealing our voting system and switching back to the old system will not only confuse voters but also cost Alaskans money and resources.

RCV protects all Alaskans from the unintended consequences of vote splitting. Both parties have lost close elections to split votes. Remember Tony Knowles?

Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,

Bill Witte

5751 Abraham Rd Fairbanks, AK 99709

wkwitte@gmail.com



## Jake Almeida

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**From:** tommyginny@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Virginia Morgan  
<tommyginny@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 11:40  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Virginia Morgan  
18285 Lisa Ave Cooper Landing, AK 99572 tommyginny@arctic.net

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** lebeau.michelle@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Michelle LeBeau  
<lebeau.michelle@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 11:41  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

**As a** voter, I do not want rank-choice voting repealed.

Sincerely,

Michelle LeBeau

2021 Tributary Cir Anchorage, AK 99516-7318 lebeau.michelle@gmail.com

**Jake Almeida**

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**From:** susanb@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Susan Braun  
<susanb@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 11:43  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. The legislature should respect the will of the people and let this new way of voting stay in effect. Open primaries give us voters more choices, and ranked-choice voting elects less extreme candidates that have more wide-spread support. So keep your hands off! Vote NO on HS 4.

Sincerely,  
Susan Braun  
PO Box 222 Healy, AK 99743-0222  
susanb@mtaonline.net

**Jake Almeida**

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**From:** tealarrow@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Teal Francis  
<tealarrow@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 11:43  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4  
**t:**

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Teal Francis  
1740 Reed Cir Fairbanks, AK 99709-6558  
tealarrow@gmail.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** jim.levine2@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jim Levine <jim.levine2@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 11:44  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

J'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,

Jim Levine

65234 Diamond Ridge Rd Homer, AK 99603-9242 jim.1evine2@gmail.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** dvalaska@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of DAVID VOUGHT  
<dvalaska@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 11:50  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HS 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

It is simply wrong to overturn the will of the people. The repeal of the voting system that the people want is an attack **against** democracy.

Ranked Choice Voting strengthens democracy by assuring the people's representative are supported by the majority of the people. It is an open, simple and streamlined process which results in the election of the people's choice without party interference and manipulation.

I strongly support Ranked Choice Voting and I want you to protect it and respect the will of the people.

Sincerely,

**DAVID VOUGHT**

PO Box 575 Sterling, AK 99672-0575

dvalaska@yahoo.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** jeklund@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Janelle Eklund  
<jeklund@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 11:51  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. Ranked choice voting is fair and it works. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Janelle Eklund  
HC60 Box 336E Copper Center, AK 99573  
jeklund@cvinternet.net

**Jake Almeida**

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**From:** billyneu@ak.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 11:51  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject** this voter is in favor of open primaries AND RANK CHOICE VOTING

PLEASE VOTE TO PRESERVE OPEN PRIMARIES **AND RANK** CHOICE VOTING  
BILL NEUMEISTER  
420 W 121ST AVE  
ANCAK99515



## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Kenneth Privratsky <privratskyk@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 11:51  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Cc:** Rep. Sarah Vance; Representative.Jaime.Allard@akleg.gov; Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. Cliff Groh; Rep. Laddie Shaw; representative.david.eastman@akkeg.gov  
**Subject:** House Bill 4: Testimony for AK House Judiciary Committee

On May 11, 2023, at 12:21 PM, Kenneth Privratsky <privratskyk@gmail.com> wrote:

I have learned that the House Judiciary Committee is holding public testimony this afternoon on whether to repeal open primaries and rank-choice voting in House Bill 4. I am traveling now and cannot dial in.

I would like my voice heard. I have lived and voted in Alaska for thirty years. I spent thirty-three years in the military protecting our nation. I don't vote for any one party all the time. I vote for whom I think is the best candidate or what is the best stand on an issue. I disagree with anyone who tells me I can only vote for this person or that party.

Therefore, I object vociferously to any attempt to repeal open primaries and ranked-choice voting. Any change to elector-approved measures must be decided by the electors who voted and approved those measures, not by a committee in Juneau.

Please make sure my voice is heard.

Kenneth L. Privratsky  
7201 Montagne Circle  
Anchorage, AK 99507  
907-351-8876

**Jake Almeida**

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**From:** Steve Fuller <cash66smf@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 11:51  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Cc:** Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. Andrew Gray; Rep. Cliff Groh; Representative.Sara.Hannon@akleg.gov; Rep. Andi Story  
**Subject:** I oppose House Bill #4

Dear members of the House Judiciary committee,

I write this letter in opposition of House Bill #4.

I worked the last two elections and saw the confusion and anger Rank Choice voting created with the voters. I only recall one individual who proudly proclaimed his love of Rank Choice and was loud and boisterous about it.

Many of the voters did not use the ranking and only voted for their first choice. I know this because the machine would tell you and ask if they wanted to vote again.

Rank Choice does not represent the will of the people.

There is currently a petition circulating the state to Repeal rank choice. It has much support.

Our election process did not need to be changed. Go back to election day with all results in one day not three weeks, hand counted ballots and no Rank choice.

If your purpose is to get people not to vote with Rank Choice, you succeeded.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Fuller

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Kathy Privratsky <kprivratsky65@gmail.com>  
**Sent** Thursday, May 11, 2023 11:51  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Cc:** Representative.sarah.vance@akleg.gov; Rep. Jamie Allard; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. Cliff Groh; Rep. Laddie Shaw; Rep. Andrew Gray; Rep. Ben Carpenter  
**Subject:** House Bill 4 Testimony

Written Testimony {unable to call in}

I am writing to testify against House Bill 4 to repeal Ranked Choice Voting. The people of Alaska including myself voted and it was approved to have Ranked Choice Voting. It was not difficult to figure out the voting process. I could choose who I wanted to vote for regardless of party and not rely on the Republicans or Democrats party choice.

I always vote for the best person. It seems like the people who opposed this new system did not like the outcome! This is not a reason to change the system. This is DEMOCRACY!

I am offended that members of the House want to change/ override what Alaskans approved in a statewide election. I urge you not to approve this bill! The voters spoke!!

Thank you.  
Kathy Privratsky  
Anchorage, AK

Cell: 907 229 9548

Sent from my iPhone

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** heatheravs@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Heather Percy  
<heatheravs@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 11:52  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Heather Percy  
7101 S Park Dr Anchorage, AK 99516-3251 heatheravs@hotmail.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Allan Barnes <arbarnes@gci.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 11:52  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Cc:** Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Jamie Allard; Rep. Ben Carpenter;  
Reresentative.CraigJohnson@akleg.gov; Reresentative.David.Eastman@akleg.gov; Rep.  
Andrew Gray; Rep. Cliff Groh  
**Subject:** HB 4 - **Repeal** of RCV

Please leave Ranked Choice Voting alone. We voted for it, I love it and you have no business overturning the will of the people to appease a few sore losers. RCV is simple to understand and easy to do. Any statements to the contrary are just lies to support this outrageous attempt to thwart the will of the people.

Allan Barnes  
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Sent from Majl for Windows

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Carol Lambert <carolinalaska@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 11:52  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Cc:** Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Jamie Allard; Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. Andrew Gray; Rep. Cliff Groh  
**Subject:** House Bill 4

Respected members of the Alaska Legislature,  
I am writing to you in opposition to House Bill 4, which would end my opportunity to vote in open primaries and on rank choice ballots. I voted in favor of open primaries and rank choice voting in the referendum, as did the majority of Alaskans. I urge you to respect the will of the people.

My main objection to HB 4 is that, by returning to our former system of voting, it will take us back to an era which deprived me of choice. I do not want my ballot choices limited to people who often represent the most extreme candidate of any party. That is the situation closed primaries tend to create. I say this as an Alaska voter of 40 years standing.

I was proud of my state when we led the nation in a step toward greater democracy in elections. I was proud that I had the opportunity to take part in a large movement to choose, via open primary, the most trusted candidates among those putting their names forward. I will be very sorry if we demonstrate an inability to hold ourselves to that standard, but that will be the result of HB4.

The open primary gave opportunities to Alaskans who represent our state's rich diversity. If we can continue with open primaries, new talent will come forward. We need those new voices and new ideas to thrive **as a** community.

The roll out of the open primary and ranked choice ballot was successful. Alaskans found it easy to use, and ballots were overwhelmingly filled out and submitted correctly. These are the tools Alaskans chose, and that Alaskans want to keep. As our elected representatives, we are counting on you to keep them available.

Sincerely,  
Carol Lambert  
321 Bonn Jean Court  
Anchorage, AK 99515  
907 223 0733  
[carolinalaska@gmail.com](mailto:carolinalaska@gmail.com)

**Jake Almeida**

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**From:** h95mr@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Martin Renner  
<h95mr@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 11:53  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

**Dear** House Judiciary Committee,

Rank choice voting was implemented to better represent the will of the people. My favorite candidate may not have one the election, but this is the better system in the long run. Some people opposed Alaska becoming a state, fearing that it would be permanently blue. Things will work out in the long run.

I oppose House Bill 4, and would like to voice my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would be undemocratic an undemocratic, freedom-hating move. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Martin Renner  
811 Ocean Drive Loop Homer, AK 99603-7920 h9Smr@mun.ca

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Hal & Carol Meyer <1iquidearth2@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 11:53  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** Ranked Choice Voting

ram writing in support of RCV. This was passed by a majority of Alaskans and I find it incomprehensible that something that is voted into law can just be Willy Nilly removed by our legislature. If citizens of Alaska want it repealed, then they should follow the rules for getting signatures for a referendum on the ballot.

The system is easy to use, provides me with the ability to vote for who I want regardless of party and I still have a say in leadership even if I don't get my first choice.

Do not take away my vote

Carol Meyer

PO Box 342

Ester, AK 99725

907-474-8520

Sent from my iPhone



## Jake Almeida

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**From:** frollopy@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mary Frische  
<frollopy@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 11:54  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Do not support House Bill 4. We Alaskans have signed into law the ranked choice voting because that is what we want, not for it to be dismantled by those who feel threatened by it.

Mary Frische  
41067 Heather St  
Homer  
Alaska 99603

Sincerely,  
Mary Frische  
41067 Heather St Homer, AK 99603  
frollopy@gmail.com

**Jake Almeida**

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**From:** ak.nba.apwu@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of James Patarini  
<ak.nba.apwu@everyactioncustom.com>

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Thursday, May 11, 2023 11:56  
House Judiciary  
I oppose HS 4

**To:**  
**Subject:**

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

The public voted already for Ranked Choice Voting - LEAVE IT ALONE!

Sincerely,  
James Patarini  
18825 First St Eagle River, AK 99577-8352 ak.nba.apwu@gmail.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** sayler.paufa@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Paula Sayler  
<sayler.paula@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 11:56  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** f oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Paula Sayler  
2210 Sunrise Dr Anchorage, AK 99508-3274 sayler.paula@gmail.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** popcorn12@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Susan Klein <popcorn12@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 11:57  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Susan Klein  
4710 Grumman St Anchorage, AK 99507-1516 popcorn12@mac.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** arcticwizard@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of JESSE Patarini  
<arcticwizard@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 11:59  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Losers shouldn't be able to change the voting process - because the public voted for someone else. Repeatedly.

Sincerely,  
JESSE Patarini  
18825 First St Eagle River, AK 99577-8352 arcticwizard@hotmail.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** mcueva@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Melany Cueva  
<mcueva@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 11:59  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4  
**t:**

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. I want ranked choice voting and open primaries to stay. I like having this voting system to allow me to have a stronger voice in choosing who best represents my views. Alaskans voted and this is what we chose!

In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Please do not try to undue what Alaskan voters chose.

Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Melany Cueva  
12830 Glen Alps Rd Anchorage, AK 99516-6956 mcueva@acsalaska.net

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** vabarber58@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Valerie Barber <vabarber58@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 12:00  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Valerie Barber  
**6225 N Weltin Way Palmer, AK 99645**  
vabarber58@gmail.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** kdemichele@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Katie DeMichele  
<kdemichele@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 12:00  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Katie DeMichele  
635 W 21st Ave Anchorage, AK 99503-1848 kdemichele@gmail.com



## Jake Almeida

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**From:** fiftyfivenot@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Beverly Stephens  
<fiftyfivenot@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 12:02  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4  
**t:**

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

Members of the Judiciary Committee

I am a 40 year resident of Big Lake, and prior to that lived in Eagle River. Last year I was very happy that we used a ranked choice voting system, as I felt my vote actually made a difference in the outcome of our elections. I want to keep that system. We should not go back to the old primary system, as many good candidates couldn't make it through that system, even though they had very good ideas and would have made excellent house members.

Keep the ranked choice system. It is more fair than the old system. I heard some complaints last year that it was too hard to understand. That is certainly not true. It was very simple.

Sincerely,

Beverly Stephens  
Big Lake, Alaska

Sincerely,  
Beverly Stephens  
14249 W Holly Loop **Big Lake, AK** 99623  
fiftyfivenot@yahoo.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Jennifer Wing <kotzwind@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 12:02  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** HB 4, RCV

Hello,

My name is Jennifer Nolan Wing. I am a resident of, and voter in, Chugiak, AK.

I am asking each of you to vote against HB 4. I believe a vote in favor of HB 4 is a vote against democracy.

I want to be clear, my request is not that you vote to support or oppose rank choice voting, my request is that you (and the legislature as a whole) support the will of the voters on this issue.

Our election system as a whole is based on election candidates and items being decided by the majority vote, be that majority be .01 or .9. In this instance the electorate spoke, albeit by a small percentage. I am asking that as a legislator you respect that vote. While I recognize the State Constitution only requires the legislature refrain from action for two years, in this instance, I believe the legislature should allow the people to decide this issue.

On this particular issue, my understanding is that voters are already seeking to revisit the issue via another petition. Such a vote, coming after at least one additional election cycle using RCV, would offer more clarity on the general electorate's views.

To my knowledge, in this past election, there were only three races where results changed between the first round of counting and the final round, two races ultimately resulted in Republican candidate wins, one for a Democratic candidate. These races demonstrate results can still swing either way, but with more people's choices represented.

I, myself, believe strongly in, to quote President Lincoln, "... a government of the people, by the people, and for the people ..." and am hopeful to see it continue into the future. I hope that you too have this vision and will vote "No" on HB4.

Again, my request is not that you support rank choice voting one way or another, my request is that you (and the legislature as a whole) support the will of the voters on this issue and if changes need to be made, allow the people (via another vote) to drive those changes.

Respectfully,

Jennifer Nolan Wing  
Chugiak, AK 99567

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Whitelos <whitelos@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 12:02  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** Ranked choice yes!!! HB4 NO!!!!!!!!!!!!

NO !! on HB4 to repeal ranked choice voting!!!

Alaskan voters voted directly FOR ranked choice voting and open primaries in 2020. How dare the legislature try to undermine the will of the people to have open and above board voting choices. This restored direct democracy to our voting. No more closed primaries. No more back room deals. People can vote for who they want.

We are leading the way in the country just like Alaska always hangs together and does it ' our way' with voting that make sense , is open and for everyone.

We have been through a couple of major elections and it works.

Your candidate didn't win because the people had choices? Wen not all of mine did either but that is what happens when the people speak.

Janet Balice

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** michelescornelius@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Michele Cornelius  
<michelescornelius@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 12:04  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Michele Cornelius  
PO Box 295 Gustavus, AK 99826-0295  
michelescornelius@gmail.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Steve Fuller <cash66smf@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 12:04  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Cc:** Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. Andrew Gray; Rep. Cliff Groh; Representative.Sara.Hannon@akleg.gov; Rep. Andi Story  
**Subject:** I oppose House Bill #4

Dear members of the House Judiciary committee and my Juneau Representatives,

I oppose House Bill #4.

Please vote no on this bill. Currently there is a petition circulating in the state to repeal Rank Choice voting.

I support this petition.

Sincerely,

Steven Fuller

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** roverini@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Adam Grove  
<roverini@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 12:05  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

**Dear** House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. We have seen ample evidence that this approach works and I have seen personally people vote who never did before because they see this a a more fair and accessible way to cast their vote.

Please do not take away this tool which gives everyone a more accessible way to vote. Voting it the key to democracy and I hope we all agree that we want to preserve that. Please do not move us backwards by passing HB4

Sincerely,  
Adam Grove  
4701E 145th Ave Anchorage, AK 99516-4106 roverini@gmail.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** ezartman@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Emmy Zartman  
<ezartman@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent** Thursday, May 11, 2023 12:06  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

**Dear** House Judiciary Committee,

I strongly oppose House Bill 4. I support open primaries and ranked-choice voting. A majority of Alaskans voted for ranked-choice voting in 2020. Repealing this new voting system and switching back to the old one shows a huge lack of respect for the voters and would result in voter confusion and wasted state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact. The voters spoke. You should listen.

Sincerely,  
Emmy Zartman  
8439 Jupiter Dr Anchorage, AK 99507-3704 ezartman@gmail.com

**Jake Almeida**

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**From:** Martha Raynolds <martharaynolds@gmail.com>  
**Sent** Thursday, May 11, 2023 12:08  
**To:** House Judiciary; Rep. Frank Tomaszewski  
**Subject:** support Ranked Choice Voting

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

The voters of Alaska voted FOR Rank Choice Voting. You should not take it away from us.

Sincerely,

-- Martha Raynolds

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Martha Raynolds

[MarthaRaynolds@gmail.com](mailto:MarthaRaynolds@gmail.com)

(907) 479-3726



## Jake Almeida

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**From:** int-acct@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jerry Ouzts <int-acct@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 12:09  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Jerry Ouzts  
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**Jake Almeida**

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**From:** D <ethanbobdebauche@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 12:09  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Cc:** Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Jamie Allard; Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. Andrew Gray; Rep. Cliff Groh  
**Subject:** Uphold the will of the voters! Keep Ranked Choice and Open Primaries

**t:**

Dear Members of the Alaska House Judiciary Committee,

I am writing to express my support for ranked choice voting (RCV) and open primaries in Alaska. RCV paired with open primaries has been proven to be a fair and effective *way* to ensure that every vote counts and that every voice is heard. It is a system that has been used successfully in other states and countries, Alaska should continue to utilize the election system passed by majority vote in 2020.

The passing of Ballot Measure 2 was a significant step forward for democracy in our state. However, there are now efforts underway to repeal this important reform. I urge you to reject these efforts and instead work to implement RCV fully and fairly. The voters of Alaska demonstrated their desire to have RCV when passing the voter initiative in 2020. 51% of Alaska voters voted for RCV despite political affiliation or candidate selection.

RCV aims to increase voter participation and reduce the cost of elections. It encourages candidates to appeal to a broader range of voters and promotes civility in politics. The measure also aims to reduce negative campaigning and ensure that representatives govern effectively for all constituents.

I urge you to support RCV in Alaska and to reject efforts to repeal this important reform. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Ethan DeBauche

[907-707-9741](tel:907-707-9741)

Alaska Voter, firefighter, and State employee.



## Jake Almeida

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**From:** alaskakaren.09@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Karen Rode <alaskakaren.09@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 12:10  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,

Karen Rode

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## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Joel Fuller <jfullerdistrict28@arcticorp.com>  
**Sent** Thursday, May 11, 2023 12:11  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** HB4

Please reflect my opinion in support of repealing RCV. It is an attack on the Party system. The initiative process has been defined in our system as singular actions. Many initiatives failed to make it to the Ballot because they implemented more than one action. This initiative changed the general election tabulation process, the selection of candidates appearing on the Ballot and campaign finance disclosure law. The repeal is necessary to hold the State to its own Standard for initiatives, then each part of the initiative would be required to face its own approval or Bill by the Legislature.

Joel Fuller, District 28  
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Palmer, Alaska 99645  
**907-351-1508**

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** stephanie\_boyd@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Stephanie Boyd  
<stephanie\_boyd@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 12:11  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

I am very happy with rank choice voting and having more Alaskan voices heard! Rep. Mary Peltola may not have been elected if not for ranked choice voting and I'm very thankful, along with most Alaskans, that this was possible. Thank you for listening!

Sincerely,  
Stephanie Boyd  
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stephanie\_boyd@hotmail.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Anne Ruggles <aruggles@igc.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 12:14  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** HB4

Dear Representative,

I oppose HB 4 to overturn the will of the voters by repealing open primaries and ranked choice voting.

These measures forced candidates in the 2022 elections to appeal to the broadest portion of the voting population rather than staking out extreme positions that appealed to very few.

For the first time since moving to Alaska in 1987 I feel like I had meaningful choices in an election.

The old way of voting favors parties and extremism. Ranked Choice Voting and Open Primaries favor individual voters.

Please vote no on HB4.

Anne Ruggles  
1807 Red Fox Dr.  
Fairbanks, AK. 99709

PS. The sponsor in her presentation of the bill a week ago repeatedly stated that RCV was too difficult for seniors to comprehend. As a senior I was insulted. This is a simple system to learn and the result is greater choice.

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Anne Ruggles  
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## Jake Almeida

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**From:** kmartinez2233@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kendall Martinez <kmartinez2233@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 12:15  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. The democratic process is in place to ensure all people's views are heard and as a voter this is the process I see as able to do that. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Kendall Martinez  
2100 Nelson Rd North Pole, AK 99705-6231 kmartinez2233@gmail.com



## Jake Almeida

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**From:** chiviz@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Maria Capezio Crookes  
<chiviz@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 12:17  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4  
**t:**

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

As an Alaskan Resident, and voter, I can't believe I have to say this: I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, me -along most Alaskan voters- chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would cost our state more money that we do not have, and also would go directly against the will of the voters. This was also challenged in court, and was kept.

Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session (like balancing the budget, increasing BSA, protecting LGBTQ Alaskans, and taxing oil companies so they can pay their share) and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,

Maria Capezlo Crookes

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## Jake Almeida

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**From:** hardingjake@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jacob Harding  
<hardingjake@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 12:18  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Jacob Harding  
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hardIngJake@hotmail.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** 99josan@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Joe Moore  
<99josan@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 12:19  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. You need to respect the will of the voters, especially if election credibility is a concern. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one at this time would not only counter the will of those who voted, but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Joe Moore  
1231 S Mary St Palmer, AK 99645-5610  
99josan@gmail.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** judibac@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Judith Acarregui  
<judibac@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 12:19  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4  
**t:**

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Judith Acarregui  
3936 Spruce Cape Rd Kodiak, AK 99615-6967 judibac@hotmail.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Erika Wolter <twoalaskanrivers@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 12:18  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Cc:** Rep. Cliff Groh; Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Jamie Allard; representative.Ben.Carr@akleg.gov;  
Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. Andrew Gray  
**Subject:** Written Testimony - House Bill 4 - Opposition  
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Dear Judiciary Committee members,

I am writing to express my opposition to HB 4. I wish I could testify in person because I think it's important you actually hear from me and the tens of thousands of Alaskans like me. I hope you will take the time to read my written testimony.

As a moderate who has lived in Alaska most of my life my experience has always been that my voice is ignored. I vote both Republican and Democrat so my representatives don't listen to me because I don't have the same voter registration as they do or have a different viewpoint. Because I base my vote not on political party, but on whether or not the individual is fair, reasonable, open to listening to the ideas from everyone and willing to work on a bipartisan basis to find solutions to Alaskan issues. Too often in the past, the individual chosen in the closed primaries was NOT the best choice with this criterion in mind.

Opponents of ranked choice voting don't like it because it takes power **away** from the political parties and puts it back in the hands of the people. Not just those with an "R" or a "D" on their voter registration card but ALL Alaskans. Ranked choice voting means that everyone's vote, including mine, counts. It means that those representing us need to not just represent those that see things the same way they do or are of the same political party.

Others don't like it because their chosen candidate didn't win. But look at the results from 2022. Alaskans did not just elect straight Republicans or Democrats to statewide and national positions. We elected a Republican Governor, a Republican Senator, and a Democratic Representative. Alaskans voted based on the issues, not the party. Sometimes this meant voting for one member of the same political party over another. We voted for bipartisanship, not one side or the other. We voted for common sense and positive discourse.

By trying to repeal ranked choice voting you're saying that the voice of the people doesn't matter. You're saying that YOUR voice, and the others that only agree with you, are the ones that matter. You're saying that the power of the political parties is more important than the power of the people of Alaska. No matter your affiliation, that is the opposite of what you (or your party) profess to believe. It should be abhorrent to you and this bill should never have been introduced. Furthermore, with nearly 2/3 of public testimony in the House State Affairs committee opposing HB4, it should have died there. But, as it is now in front of you, I urge you in the strongest possible terms to vote no. Alaska has far bigger issues to address that require both sides to work together. That should be your focus.

Sincerely,

Erika Wolter  
Wasilla, AK

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Lin Davis <lingilbertdavis@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 12:21  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**CC:** Rep. Sara Hannan; Rep. Andi Story; Rep. Sarah Vance  
**Subject:** Oppose HB4

May 11, 2023

Dear Chair Vance and House Judiciary Committee:

Thank you for taking public testimony on HB 4. I'm a 30-year Alaska resident and live on Douglas Island. Have listened to 2 days of State Affairs testimony and was glad to hear the overwhelming opposition to HB 4.

It is interesting that after 68% of testifiers presented strong reasons for opposing HB 4, State affairs summarily passed it along. Appears to me, that HS 4 supporters have blindly set their course on the unfair and anti-democratic process of undoing the will of the voters. Looks like a power grab. HS 4 is unethical, irresponsible and doesn't belong in a democracy.

It appears that a few extreme legislators are attempting a swift surgical strike against RCV. As many testifiers explained, RCV is a baby pillar of democracy, and it is being built in Alaska. Don't throw out this baby!

The will of Alaskan voters should not be surgically dismissed by the legislature. HS 4 appears to be an end of session, hoping to be under the radar, attempt at voter suppression. Our democracy will suffer if you undo RCV. This point cannot be stressed enough.

I urge you to revisit the election-structure nerds giving their technical reasons for retaining RCV. Thank you for paying special attention to their arguments

Alaska is on a successful path with our open primary and ranked choice system. This big voting change is a process, and as it is used, people will become more comfortable and skilled with the new system. Already we have seen more women elected, more independents taking office, reflecting the true makeup of Alaska. We are seeing more candidates with broader than before public support. These office holders will seek more collaboration and across-the-aisle solutions.

I reached across party lines in my 2022 vote.

Many experts in election structures believe that open primaries and ranked choice increase voter turn-out, especially after people experience how easy it is.

It's a tender time now. Given the daily devastating news about the American lives lost in this time of extreme division, let's give RCV a chance.

You in the hall of power, please stay open to this new voting system. Let's see what RCV can do for our fragile democracy.

Thank you for considering.

Lin Davis

30 year Douglas Island resident

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** daveathons@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of David Athons  
<daveathons@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 12:26  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I am opposed to House Bill 4. Ranked choice voting with open primaries was established by election through the initiative process. A majority of Alaska voters made this choice. For the Alaska Legislature to circumvent the will of the people at first opportunity is deplorable.

In our divided State and Nation, Ranked Choice Voting provides choices which go beyond the radical left and the radical right who far too often concentrate on separation and alienation versus finding ways to bring fellow citizens together. Ranked choice voting provides opportunity for electing representatives who focus on serving a majority of Alaskans versus dividing friends and neighbors into taking extreme right or extreme left positions. Positions which far too often ignore the needs of the vast majority of Alaskans. Folks now have a choice between what has far too often been the lesser of two evils - resulting in either holding one's nose when voting or simply not bothering to go to vote.

Sincerely,  
David Athans  
Kenai, Alaska

Sincerely,  
David Athans  
36655 River Hills Dr Kenai, AK 99611-5906 daveathons@gmail.com



## Jake Almeida

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**From:** alaskanwoman0786@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kristel Clark  
<alaskanwoman0786@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 14:48  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4  
**t:**

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,

Kristel Clark

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## Jake Almeida

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**From:** jenninewilliamson@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of jennine williamson  
<jenninewilliamson@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 14:49  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Thank you very much!

Sincerely,  
jennine williamson  
4041 Old Wood Rd Fairbanks, AK 99709  
jenninewilliamson@me.com

**Jake Almeida**

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**From:** Trouba Door <trouba93@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 14:56  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** House Bill 4

Hi,

My name is Debbie McKay. I have lived in Kenai, Alaska for 35 years and I oppose House Bill 4.

I believe the ranked choice voting worked extremely well and that the Division of Elections did a great job of explaining how the new system worked ahead of the elections. I support open primaries. No matter what party I am affiliated with, I should have the choice to support the candidate that is most closely aligned with my values. Sometimes that's a democrat, sometimes it's a republican, sometimes an independent.

The voters have spoken on this issue and made their position clear. I hope the legislature will respect the voters' will and will commit to supporting the choices we've made at the ballot box. I thank you for your time.

Debbie McKay  
55441 Chinook Rd  
Kenai, Alaska 99611  
907 776 5745

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Pamela Brodie <pbrodie@gci.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 15:01  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** **HB4**

I am Pamela Brodie. I live in Homer. I oppose HB 4.

I served as an election worker at Homer City Hall last year, and also in 2020, 2018, and 2016, so I am familiar with the voting process under the old system and the new one. We found that the vast majority of voters last year came to the polling station understanding the ranked choice instant run-off system, with the sole complaint that the State had provided more education than was necessary. The one common question we got was, "Do I *have* to vote for someone I don't like?" We assured them that they did not, and they were clearly relieved. A few voters volunteered that they disliked the new system, but an approximately equal number volunteered that they **were** very happy to return to an open primary. There were more than the usual number of spoiled ballots, but all were easily corrected. I feel confident that all the voters understood the new system by the time they cast their ballots, and that all ballots reflected the will of the voters. Many of my election worker colleagues have different political views from mine, and may differ from me regarding a preference for Ranked Voting over the previous system, but we all agreed that it worked fine on a practical level, at least at Homer 1.

I oppose HB 4 for several reasons. First, the Ranked Choice Instant Run-off Initiative passed by a vote of the people. It would be arrogant and contrary to Democracy for the legislature to overturn the vote of the people, based merely on anecdotes and an opinion poll showing a very slight majority against it. It should remain law unless the voters of Alaska vote to overturn it.

Second, I believe that America has become dangerously partisan in recent years. I am old and have lived through many troubles. But I have never seen so many Americans so afraid of and so angry at other Americans, and only because they disagree politically. Our elected officials should be trying to unite us, but too many contribute to the poisonous rhetoric in order to raise campaign funds.

In this disturbing environment, I am relieved and proud that Alaska is a leader among the States in improving relations among neighbors. For many years, Alaska has governed with bi-partisan coalitions. I wish Congress would do the same. Now we have ranked choice voting, and we are able to vote for and elect moderates who can and do form friendships across the political divide -- something that was the norm in Congress when I was young, and that is very rare any more. Please don't extinguish ranked choice voting, a light in this time of hyper-partisan political darkness.

Thank you.

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** amdoroff@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Angela Doroff  
<amdoroff@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 15:03  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I am a long-term resident of Alaska and I oppose House Bill 4 which seeks to repeal open primaries and ranked-choice voting. I believe rank-choice voting is efficient fiscally and for voter's time. Rank-choice voting allows more choice for the voter and better representation in Alaska, our very large state.

Sincerely,  
Angela Doroff  
9223 Emily Way Juneau Juneau, AK 99801-8874 amdoroff@gmail.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** gibsons@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Steve Gibson  
<gibsons@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 15:16  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting.

We have seen that this can change the outcome of elections. Those changes are not due to confusion; they are due to the diminution of the dominance of political parties that are not themselves responsive to the whole electorate. It is natural for the extreme wings of either party to feel unsatisfied with the results of an essentially more democratic election. It is basically undemocratic to limit the contestants for an office because of a party's choice. We don't need that kind of guidance.

Sincerely,  
Steve Gibson  
1622 Highland Dr Homer, AK 99603-8339  
gibsons@alaska.net

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Peter McKay <mckaype@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 15:17  
**To:** Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. Andrew Gray; Rep. Cliff Groh; Rep. Jamie Allard  
**Cc:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** HB-4  
**t:**

House Judiciary Committee members,  
I am a voter from Nikiski.

I really like the recently enacted Rank Choice Voting.  
Ranked Choice Voting has restored my faith in our elections, and I feel that it has given the power of choice back to the people.

Ranked Choice Voting was enacted by voter initiative. It wasn't even close. The people spoke.  
**HB-4**, the bill you are considering and may vote on, would undo the choice of the people of **Alaska**. This bill should not be considered. Drop the bill in the trash.

Respectfully,  
Peter **E. McKay**  
mckayped@yahoo.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** emcohen@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Emily Cohen  
<emcohen@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 15:22  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. This voting system was chosen by voters, for voters. Please listen to the will of the people and protect these necessary tools for truly democratic elections. Thank you for your service to our state.

Sincerely,  
Emily Cohen  
3210 Rosella St Anchorage, AK 99504-3928 emcohen@alaska.edu



## Jake Almeida

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**From:** greg@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Greg Russell  
<greg@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 15:25  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Greg Russell  
7040 Gibbs Hill Cir Anchorage, AK 99504-3372 greg@dogbooties.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** ajwizik@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Andy Wizik  
<ajwizik@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 15:33  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

I have already seen the positive impacts of the temperature being turned down. Ranked choice voting is simply ensuring that those that represent us have the blessing of the majority of the people. Those that seek to over-turn this law are hoping to rule with less than the majority affirmatively supporting them. Shame on all of them.

Sincerely,  
AndyWizik

Sincerely,  
AndyWizik  
52486 Treasure Chest Ave Kenai, AK 99611-9592 ajwizik@yahoo.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** akthome@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Thomas Ely  
<akthome@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 15:41  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

As an Alaskan who voted, I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Thomas Ely  
PO Box 1014 Haines, AK 99827-1014  
akthome@yahoo.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** cliff520@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Cliff Eames <cliff520@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 15:47  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

If we care about a healthy democracy (sadly, some people, including some legislators, don't seem too, we'll support ranked-choice voting and open primaries. Please keep moving forward, not backwards, and keep them in place.

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Cliff Eames  
HC 60 Box 306T Copper Center, AK 99573-9704 cliff520@kennylakeak.net

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** mcoumbe@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Michael Coumbe  
<mcoumbe@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 15:56  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

Before the ranked-choice voting was on the ballot in Alaska, I was not a proponent. I had thought that the parties should have more influence on who got elected. However, now that I've seen ranked-choice voting in the General Election, in combination with a Primary open to all candidates, in use here in Alaska, I have changed my mind.

Because of this, I oppose House Bill 4.

Being able to rank my choices on the ballot means that I have way more choices than ever in the past. In the 2022 election, I even ranked a member of the other party as a secondary vote - something I could never have imagined doing prior to this. Surprisingly, I guess that means I'm now more bi-partisan, which is not such a bad thing.

The other great part of the new system is that the top four choices of voters in the Primary are on the ballot in November. That means that there is no longer one party or the other selecting who the candidates will be, but instead, it has become the voters' choice which candidates move forward to the General Election.

Please do not pass HB 4. Allow all Alaskan voters to have the most choice in who we elect. Don't go back to a system that favors political parties over Alaskan voters.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Michael Coumbe  
PO Box 92141 Anchorage, AK 99509-2141  
mcoumbe@gmail.com

**Jake Almeida**

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**From:** lilav@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Lila Vogt <lilav@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 16:02  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HS 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

Please stop with the partisan theatrics and take care of the State's pressing needs. The voters have chosen RCV and it is very disrespectful to work against the will of the voters.

Your refusal to move on important financial bills and wasting your time on this nonsense is reprehensible. Do the work for which you are paid to do...manage our fiscal health. We desperately need an income tax and we must get our fair share of oil profits. To do otherwise is to shirk your responsibilities to the people of Alaska.

Your partisan actions or lack of actions is detrimental to the economic health of Alaska. I am a life long Alaskan and I love our State. Watching the hard right elected officials dismantling everything that made our State great is heartbreaking.

Stop this nonsense and get to work on a viable budget!

Sincerely,  
Lila Vogt  
2104 Lincoln Ave Anchorage, AK 99517-3021 lilav@spenardak.com

**Jake Almeida**

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**From:** ebrhode@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Elaine Rhode  
<ebrhode@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 16:02  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

House Judiciary Committee:

Please VOTE NO on House Bill 4. party

Retain Ranked Choice Voting as passed by Alaska voters in 2020. I am a Non-Partisan voter and I want to be able to vote for the best candidate - one that I choose regardless of party.

Elaine Rhode

Sincerely,  
Elaine Rhode  
9340 Strutz Ave Anchorage, AK 99507-4350 ebrhode@gci.net

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Anne Coray <annecoray@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 16:02  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** House Bill 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee Members,

Please do not to support House Bill 4. Repealing open primaries and ranked choice voting, which Alaskans voted in favor of in the last election, is an affront to the democratic process. It saddens me that some legislators are already looking to overturn ranked choice. Alaska residents deserve to have their wishes upheld. What is the sense of even allowing issues to be placed on the ballot for residents to weigh in on when lawmakers can so easily reverse what was voted in? The time and expense involved in repeals like this are a waste. Furthermore, they erode public confidence, and we are at a time in history when lawmakers should be doing their utmost to secure voters' trust. Please give ranked choice and open primaries more of a chance.

Thank you,

Anne Kahn

(Port Alsworth / Homer)

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## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Joe n Billie Hardy <jnbhardy@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 16:03  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** Rank choice voting - keep it

House Judiciary Committee:

Please do not repeal rank choice voting.

Thank you,

Joe & Billie Hardy  
Soldotna

**Jake Almeida**

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**From:** mackeys5597@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Melodie Mackey <mackeys5597@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 16:15  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Melodie Mackey  
10520 Spindrift Looi Anchorage, AK 99515 mackeys5S97@alaskan.net

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Nancy Hjelm <nhjelm@acsalaska.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 16:19  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** Ranked Choice Voting

I am contacting you to tell you that I support ranked choice voting. The people of Alaska voted for this election process and it should remain as our election system. It is the people's choice, not the choice of a committee. It is a fair and non political election system that should remain in place.

I am also in favor of the increase in education funding in the Base Student Allocation. I would favor an increase of more than \$680. Our education system needs to meet inflation.

I am in support of a better and reformed retirement system for teachers and other state workers. We need to retain these important workers and a fair and better retirement is needed.

I am also in favor of a smaller PFD. The economics don't work to give a large PFD at the expense of cutting important programs and using up our state savings.

Thank you.

Nancy Hjelm  
Alaska resident since 1976

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Ronald Johnson <rajohnson@alaska.edu>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 16:20  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Cc:** Sen. Scott Kawasaki; Rep. Maxine Dibert  
**Subject:** HB4  
**t:**

I am against HB 4 mainly because I don't want my choices to be essentially limited to the 2 candidates chosen by the 2 major parties.

I can cite one particular example that is very likely to be before us in the 2024 presidential election. According to a very recent NBC poll, 70 % of those polled don't want Biden to be president and 60 % don't want Trump. As of now, these two are the likely Democratic and Republican nominees [even if Trump turns out to be a convicted felon IJ Since we don't have a nationwide ranked choice system, we are likely not to have any other viable choice. I think this is a shame.

Some say ranked choice will lead to lower turnouts. Well, the opposite happened In the 2022 Alaska Primary election. For every 4 years starting in 2002, the two highest turnout years were 2014 and 2022 with each having a 35 % turnout of eligible voters according to the Alaska Division of Elections. These are the non-presidential election years. I use these years to allow an apples-to-apples comparison with our first ranked-choice voting election.

For each seat, I want to have the best candidate chosen. This is much more likely to happen with ranked-choice voting. With it, anyone can still pick a candidate nominated by his or her favorite political party. So, this is not doing away with major parties.

The public testimony to state affairs was strongly against HB4

Ron Johnson

2113 Jack St  
Fairbanks, AK 99709

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** David Monson <dmonsonak@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 16:25  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Cc:** Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Jamie Allard; Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. Andrew Gray; Rep. Cliff Groh  
**Subject:** Please vote against HB 4

**t:**

Dear Fellow Alaskans

My name is David Monson from Fairbanks. Thanks you for the the opportunity to email everyone about why I am against HB 4. First off open primaries and RCV are the law here because a majority of Alaskans voted to adopt it. By doing so it gave every Alaskan the opportunity to vote for a slate of candidates in the order they preferred. Seems simple enough to me and in any democracy any law passed by the people of the state should not be overturned by a small number of Alaskans at the first opportunity. There are 60 members of the legislature. There are over 700,000 Alaskan citizens. The citizens of the state outnumber the legislature by 11,666 for every ! legislator. If the laws passed by Alaskans can be overturned at the first opportunity by .000085 percent of the population then what is the point at all of passing citizen initiatives at all if legislators can pick and choose which law they like and which they don't. The people have spoken at the ballot box so legislators should respect individual Alaskans voices.

Also open primaries were the law of the land even before statehood. The territory of Alaska adopted it in 1947. Also Governor Walter Hickel reaffirmed it in 1967. Only recently has partisan politics prevented the candidates Alaskan voters feel are most qualified from being considered by all of its citizens. Being disenfranchised is not democracy at its most fundamental level. Also the fairness of RCV was convincingly demonstrated by the diverse nature of those who won; from conservative to moderate to the first female, native Alaskan in Alaska's history. The people have spoken and we need to respect that. Some of the candidates I voted for lost and some won but I voted for each of them because I felt they were the best for Alaska. No matter how my vote went the winner is the legitimate holder of the office for which they ran. Candidates claiming they were unfairly defeated goes against everything our democracy stands for. As a young person my first vote was for Jay Hammond in Alaska's open primary. I did not vote for him because of his party it was because I felt he was the best person to lead Alaska. Had the primary been closed I would have been denied that fundamental right as a citizen of this great state.

Alaskans are a smart and independent people. Because of that the majority of Alaskans are registered independent of either of the other 2 parties. Because of the independence we show does not mean we should be disenfranchised. Alaskans are a savvy bunch of pioneers who's intelligence and independence should not be legislated away by a minuscule fraction of our population in the legislature. If the people don't like the law as it is they will have the opportunity to change it at the ballot box just like it passed by a majority of Alaskans. We have given the legislature the heavy responsibility of governing our state and making sure every basic right of citizens are met.

When citizens pass a law the legislature should stand by it . The legislature need to get back to the job we have entrusted it to fulfill and not waste that precious 121 days allotted to govern the state. Legislators should not waste time trying to override the will of the people at the first opportunity simply because they did not like the outcome of an election. It is a fundamental right of citizens to determine what is best for the state using the lawful and democratic initiative process.

Thanks you for the opportunity to testify on HB4. I hope **take** this opportunity to respect the will of the people by voting **NO** on **HB4**.

**Jake Almeida**

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Respectfully

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** James Szender <jrszender@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 16:29  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Cc:** Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Jamie Allard; Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. Andrew Gray; Rep. Cliff Groh; Rep. Donna Mears  
**Subjec** HB4

**t:**

I am opposed to HB 4. Ranked choice voting is the best thing to happen to politics in **Alaska** since statehood. It should never be repealed.

Contrary to attempts to make it seem so, it is NOT confusing. On the contrary, It is very logical and straightforward. I am a technophobe in my 70's, and I understood it without help. The only people who appear confused and frustrated by it are the extreme right wing politicians who have been manipulating the closed primary system for decades to elect extremists and party hacks.

With RCV, I feel like I actually have **a say** in who represents me in Juneau and Washington, D.C. I may not be able to elect my first choice candidate every time, but I am much less likely to face a choice between two extremists, neither of whom represent any of my values.

Anyone who favors the old system must first defend the outcome of the 2010 Republican Senate Primary, where the closed primary nominated a minority extremist who lost the general election to a write-in candidate. As long as a plurality of registered voters are unaligned, closed partisan primaries serve only to disenfranchise most of the electorate.

**Jake Almeida**

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**From:** Blanche Sheppard <sheppbos@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 16:38  
**To:** House Judiciary; Rep. David Eastman  
**Subject:** House Bill 4  
**t:**

The voters of Alaska chose Ranked Choice. They chose it for a variety of reasons, but the most compelling argument for RCV is that it gives everyone a fair chance, producing legislators who better represent the majority rather than the outliers who best courted the extreme right or left. Ranked choice allows voters to vote for the "little guy" without "throwing our votes away." If the little guy doesn't make it, our next favorite might.

Legislators don't get to rescind RCV because it didn't produce outcomes they like. Outcomes depend on voters and voters like ranked choice.

Please consider this my written testimony on House Bill 4.

Sincerely,

*Blanche Sheppard, lf7asil/a AK*



## Jake Almeida

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**From:** John Ferree <jferree939@gmail.com>  
**Sent** Thursday, May 11, 2023 16:40  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Cc:** Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Jamie Allard; Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. Andrew Gray; Rep. Cliff Groh  
**Subject** Ranked Choice Voting

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Honorable Committee Members,

My name is John Ferree, a 50 year Alaska resident living in Fairbanks. I write to you, encouraging all members to retain Rank Choice Voting as our method of electing our representatives. Alaska voters freely chose this as our method of conducting elections so I feel residents have spoken. We have now conducted an election using this method and from my perspective, it worked well. Again, please preserve RCV as our method of conducting our elections.

Thank you,  
John Ferree

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** ofcourse@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Charlotte Byers  
<ofcourse@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 16:45  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact. I truly believe that the ranked choice voting system results in the highest percentage of satisfied voters.

Sincerely,  
Charlotte Byers  
9550 Albatross Dr Anchorage, AK 99502-1658 ofcourse@gci.net

**Jake Almeida**

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**From:** cfuller@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Carol Fuller  
<cfuller@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 16:46  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,

carol J Fuller  
12810 Troy Street  
Anchorage, Alaska 99515

Sincerely,  
Carol Fuller  
12810 Troy St Anchorage, AK 99515-3840  
cfuller@gci.net

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** charleswbingham3@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Charles Bingham  
<charleswbingham3@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 16:50  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting.

In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. I liked the new system, since it meant non-partisan voters could vote the entire ballot without having to declare a party. It also meant fewer extremists were elected.

Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,

Charles Bingham

405 Marine St Apt N06 Sitka, AK 99835-7345 charleswbingham3@gmail.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From;** lindafraley58@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Linda Fraley <lindafraley58@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 16:50  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Linda Fraley  
**HC 2 Gakona, AK 99586**  
lindafraley58@yahoo.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Donna Goldsmith <dlugoldsmith@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 16:55  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Cc:** Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Jamie Allard; Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. Andrew Gray; Rep. Cliff Groh  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4  
**Importance:** High

Dear Chairwoman Vance and Committee Members

I oppose HB 4. While I could outline many reasons that RCV will benefit and has already benefitted Alaskans, my reason for opposing HB 4 today is quite simple: a majority of Alaskans who voted in the 2020 general election voted in favor of Ballot Measure 2 - they favored ranked choice voting. This reflects the will of the people of **Alaska**.

As members of the Alaska State Legislature I urge you to respect the will of the majority of those who voted in that election and not be so quick to overturn this citizen's initiative.

Thank you for your time -

Sincerely,

Donna Goldsmith  
Jarvi Drive, South Anchorage 99515  
907.947.4314

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** kary@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kary Brinson  
<kary@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 16:58  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Kary Brinson  
41566 Gladys Dr# 3333 Homer, AK 99603  
kary@alaskan.com

**Jake Almeida**

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**From:** tidolan95@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Theresa Dolan <tidolan95@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 17:19  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4  
**t:**

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Theresa Dolan  
8770 Jewel Terrace Cir Anchorage, AK 99502-5178 tidolan95@yahoo.com



**Jake Almeida**

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**From:** zacharywestbrown@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Zachary Brown  
<zacharywestbrown@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 17:22  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

As a lifelong Alaskan, I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Zachary Brown  
5 Oungeness Way Gustavus, AK 99826  
zacharywestbrown@gmaii.com

**Jake Almeida**

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**From:** ferrariangela@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Angela Ferrari  
<ferrariangela@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent** Thursday, May 11, 2023 17:23  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

**Dear** House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting **and open primaries intact.**

Alaskans voted for rank choice. Please uphold your constituents voices.

Sincerely,  
Angela Ferrari  
3807 Carleton Ave Anchorage, AK 99517-1549 ferrariangela@ymail.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** tiffany.bruns@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Tiffany Bruns  
<tiffany.bruns@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 17:25  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Tiffany Bruns  
3121 Rosella St Anchorage, AK 99504-3925 tiffany.bruns@gmail.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** draftingak@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Shawn Broiles  
<draftingak@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 17:31  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting.

I did not vote in favor of ranked choice voting in 2020 but have since changed my mind and now completely support ranked choice voting and open primaries.

The will of the people is already the **law**, if you do not like the law, put it on a future ballot for the voter to decide. You are usurping the will of the voter for your own personal agenda. You were NOT elected to substitute the voters wishes with your own desires.

Sincerely,

Shawn Broiles

7804 Mesquite Cir Anchorage, AK 99507-5726 draftingak@gmail.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Kris Lillemo <kklillemo@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 17:35  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** Fwd: House bill 4

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From: **Kris Lillemo** <[kklillemo@gmail.com](mailto:kklillemo@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** Thu, May 11, 2023 at 5:33 PM  
**Subject:** House bill 4  
**To:** <[Representative.Ben.Carpenter@akleg.gov](mailto:Representative.Ben.Carpenter@akleg.gov)>

Hello Ben,

I'm writing to tell you how important it is to leave our voting system the way it is. The people have spoken. The last election with open primaries and ranked choice voting was the first time I've ever been able to express my vote clearly. It worked!

Alaskans got the representation they wanted. Please do not repeal the gains we have made in honest, transparent elections.

Vote no on house bill 4!!

Thanks

Kris Lillemo  
Bear Creek, Alaska

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## Jake Almeida

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**From:** kimnlisa@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Lisa Hubert  
<kimnlisa@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent** Thursday, May 11, 2023 18:01  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Lisa Hubert  
17636 Teklanika Dr Eagle River, AK 99577-8242 kimnlisa@gci.net

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** qianrscott@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Thomas Scott  
<qianrscott@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 18:03  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4  
**t:**

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,

Thomas Scott

3120 Lochwood Cir Anchorage, AK 99504-3732 qianrscott@acsalaska.net

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** ffde2@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Diana Wolf <ffde2@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 18:20  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Diana Wolf  
1976 Yankovich Rd Fairbanks, AK 99709-6539 ffde2@gmail.com



## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Linda Bruce <1rb128@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 18:29  
**To:** House Judiciary; Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Jamie Allard; Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. Andrew Gray; Rep. Cliff Groh  
**Subject:** HB4

This is actually from me and my husband, Thomas Brook. We are both thirty plus year residents of Alaska and registered voters.

### **First of all, we adamantly oppose House Bill 4.**

Rank Choice Voting (RCV) was chosen as the will of WE voters and it's not your prerogative to overturn a citizen's initiative at the first opportunity.

This bill is wrong for many reasons, but the first and foremost is that it's simply a partisan issue brought up because the Republicans of this state didn't like the outcome of the last election. Rank Choice Voting is lauded in the United States as the fairest, most equitable voting system by which to vote and Alaska should be damn proud that we voters recognized this and chose it for our electorate.

It offends us when Sarah Vance states that she introduced this bill due to the input she heard from her constituents, expressing that RCV is NOT the will of the voters. I am a constituent and in no way object to RCV. Regardless if the vote to enact RCV was close, as Sarah Vance states, the will of the voters was evident when RCV became our selected method of voting for the State of Alaska. RCV implemented the will of the voters when it was voted in and to return to the historical and obviously NOT trusted election process (as evidenced by the implementation of RCV) means my vote, as an undeclared voter, does not count in most cases of the historical election process.

Pro-RCV has nothing to do with dark money, again as Sarah Vance asserts. The 51% poll number picked out as the most useful and used by Sarah Vance during a previous committee meeting in support of repeal, appears to be a biased response on behalf of the Republican sponsor of the bill and does not reflect the complete and true results of the poll.

There has been testimony trying to make a correlation between RCV discarded ballots and disenfranchised voters but there's nothing substantive about this assertion. When you talk about disenfranchised voters, you're actually referring to closed ballot primaries under the historical election process. Not being able to vote the ballot/candidates of your choice is the epitome of disenfranchisement.

And the claims of not having adequate information to vote correctly can be immediately and definitively refuted by the massive number of mail flyers, tv ads, radio ads, and social media provided to every registered voter explaining the system and demonstrating exactly how to vote. It's sounds ridiculous when people assert they could not figure out 1st circle, 2nd circle, 3rd circle, etc. RCV is not needlessly complex and best of all, is a non-partisan ballot.

Alaska isn't and shouldn't be like the rest of the red states, trying to shove through a voter suppression bill because some of you don't like the outcome of the elections. Be better than this and shut this bill down now. It does not even merit leaving committee.

Two concerned citizens,

Linda Bruce and Thomas Brook

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** ben.rich907@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Benjamin Richardson <ben.rich907@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 18:38  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

Hello, I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources.

I am very appreciative of our State's Division of Elections for doing such an amazing job implementing the changes in a concise and transparent way this last election cycle - undoing all of that work for the **sake** of partisanship is an abhorrent waste of State resources. Make no mistake, any attempts to close primaries or revoke ranked choice voting is solely driven by partisanship - not for the public benefit.

Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,

Benjamin Richardson

9900 William Jones Cir Unit 3 Anchorage, AK 99515-4288 ben.rich907@gmail.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** allene.littell@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Allene Whitney  
<allene.littell@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 18:47  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

This is an issue on which the people have already spoken. To pass House Bill 4 would be to directly contradict your own constituents' express direction. Do not pass this bill.

Sincerely,  
Allene Whitney  
6100 Moose Meadow Lane Cir Anchorage, AK 99516-1737 allene.littell@gmail.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** invworld@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Stuart Cohen  
<invworld@everyactioncustom.com >  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 18:55  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4.

Open primaries and ranked choice voting give all Alaskans a voice, rather than allowing a small, extreme clique to control the situation. As to people being confused by it: if they can't rank candidates 1, 2 and 3, maybe they don't have the acuity to vote on complex issues like taxation, fisheries management, school funding and many other complex issues.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Stuart Cohen  
725 5th St Juneau, AK 99801-1016  
invworld@alaska.net

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** chelserin@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Chelsea Vukovich  
<chelserin@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 19:00  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Chelsea Vukovich  
4800 E 112th Ave Anchorage, AK 99516-1612 chelserin@gmail.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Cleanecaffeine@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Lori Stephenson  
<Cleanecaffeine@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 19:02  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Lori Stephenson  
945 Ben Walters Ct Homer, AK 99603-7755 Cleanecaffeine@earthlink.net

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** 1ogansark22@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Kim Hubert <logansark22@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 19:19  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

Adamantly opposed to House Bill 4 and totally support ranked choice voting. This was the first time voting in over 40 years in Alaska that I felt my choices were something meaningful other than choosing between the least worst of two candidates.

Ranked choice voting represents the will of the people rather than the will of the parties. I suggest you try putting it on the ballot again if you really respect the peoples' will.

Sincerely,  
Kim Hubert  
17636 Teklanika Dr Eagle River, AK 99577-8242 logansark22@gmail.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** akbristol@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Mary Bristol  
<akbristol@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 19:32  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House **Bill 4**, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. I believe it worked quite well. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources that we cannot afford. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Mary Bristol  
3305 Glenn Don Dr Anchorage, AK 99504-3854 akbristol@gci.net



## Jake Almeida

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**From:** bi11iam10@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of William Webb <billiam10@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 19:47  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
William Webb  
PO Box 1622 Kenai, AK 99611-1622  
billiam10@gmail.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** bearcove907@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jim Plymire <bearcove907@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 20:05  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Jim Plymire  
58127 Glacier View Rd S Homer, AK 99603 bearcove907@yahoo.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** raybird68@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Raymond Cammisa <raybird68@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 20:10  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Raymond Cammisa  
17615 Lacey Dr Eagle River, AK 99577-8207 raybird68@hotmail.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** bbop\_ak@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Daniel Bergstrom  
<bbop\_ak@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 20:21  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. The will of the voters must be supported by elected legislators. There is a lot of talk about democracy and freedom. Legislators that do not support the will of the voters are not doing their jobs and should be voted out for even bringing this bill up.

Representative Vance should be ashamed of herself and voted out in the next election. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,

Daniel Bergstrom

6020 Trappers Trail Rd Anchorage, AK 99516-2403 bbop\_ak@yahoo.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** bwallacekl@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Barbara Wallace  
<bwallacekl@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 20:29  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4  
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Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. I also found the old system of closed primaries un-American. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Barbara Wallace  
MI47 Old Edgerton Hwy Copper Center, AK 99573 bwallacekl@gmail.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** richlroth@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Richard Rothstein  
<richlroth@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 20:42  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Richard Rothstein  
2409 La Honda Dr Anchorage, AK 99517-1343 richlroth@mac.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** barisicindogan@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of dogan ozkan  
<barisicindogan@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 20:43  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

**Dear** House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
dogan ozkan  
318 Noble St# 3 Fairbanks, AK 99701-4869 barisicindogan@gmail.com

**Jake Almeida**

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**From:** maureen.knutsen@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of **Maureen** Knutsen  
<maureen.knutsen@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent** Thursday, May 11, 2023 20:47  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HS 4

**Dear** House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing to express my strong opposition to House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskans, including me, chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,

Maureen Knutsen

**PO Box 134 Naknek, AK 99633-0134**

maureen.knutsen@gmail.com



## Jake Almeida

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**From:** penny4books@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Penny Goodstein  
<penny4books@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 20:57  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I understand that once again an AK legislature committee is considering ending ranked choice voting. I fully support the USE OF Ranked Choice Voting. I understand that HB 4 would rescind this voting tool. Please vote AGAINST HB 4.

First of all the majority of Alaskan citizenry voted FOR ranked choice voting in an election. So to legislatively rescind it is to go AGAINST THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE.

Ranked Choice Voting has many benefits.

Ranked-choice voting reveals the candidate with the most support across electorate population. The results do not reflect only the most passionate base. A candidate that might be the 2nd choice of a majority, not just a plurality (enough to win but many fewer voters choosing the person than 50%) can win. This means more people support that candidate, and that candidate represents more people than in the older "most votes wins" elections.

RCV prevents wasted votes, allowing a broader range of voting options. Because people can vote for more than 1 candidate, in order of preference, moderate candidates that might not be a first choice can win. In the old voting system, a vote for a candidate with a small following was wasted. Now, the voter can support the favored candidate but the 2nd choice will still count.

RCV Eliminates the need for multiple elections. In elections that have runoff requirements, ranked-choice voting allows a winner to be found in a single trip to the polls for voters.

RCV requires candidates to build broad majority coalitions. Since second choices matter and candidates must earn broad support,, candidates are incentivized to reach beyond their base.

RCV encourages positive campaigning and civility . Candidates running under RCV are less likely to attack an opponent since they don't want to alienate their opponent's voters and risk losing second or third choice votes they may need to win.

RCV may encourage more diverse candidates to run for office. They are not limited to a party; they can run as independents and still be on primary and secondary ballots. It may reduce party polarization, but it certainly reduces party control. I realize that this is why neither of our major parties likes RCV. It is one reason I DO like RCV.

In summary, please vote AGAINST HB 4 and TO CONTINUE Ranked Choice Voting.

Sincerely,

Penny Goodstein

9200 Buddy Werner Dr Anchorage, AK 99507-5908 penny4books@yahoo.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** lauren.padawer@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Lauren Padawer  
<lauren.padawer@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 21:05  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Lauren Padawer  
Orea Circle Drive Lot 2B Cordova, AK 99574 lauren.padawer@gmail.com

**Jake Almeida**

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**From:** ezinck@gci.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 21:19  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Cc:** Rep. Sarah Vance; Representative Julie Coulumbe; Eric Zinck  
**Subject:** I SUPPORT Rank Choice Voting

*I fully support rank choice voting and open primaries.*

*Eric Zinck  
8100 Oney Circle  
Anchorage 99507*

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Leah <lhdubber@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 21:28  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Cc:** Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Jamie Allard; Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. Andrew Gray; Rep. Cliff Groh; Rep. Laddie Shaw  
**Subject:** HB 4 • Please vote no

Dear House Judiciary committee members,

I am writing to ask you to vote no on House Bill 4, which would repeal open primaries and ranked-choice voting.

Alaskans voted for open primaries and a ranked-choice voting system in 2020. I continue to support open primaries and ranked-choice voting and I would like this system to remain in effect. It provides Alaskan voters the opportunity to consider candidates beyond those put forth by the dominant political parties. Open primaries and ranked choice voting has given voters more options, which I value. I did not find the process confusing nor did I mind waiting for the ranked-choice process to come to completion before learning who won an election. I remain in support of open primaries and ranked-choice voting.

Please vote no on House Bill 4.

Thank you,  
Leah Meyring

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** roryspur7@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Rory Spurlock <roryspur7@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 21:30  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Rory Spurlock  
1501 Columbine St Anchorage, AK 99508-3049 roryspur7@gmail.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** Carol Montgomery <anc1m4@mtaonline.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 21:50  
**To:** House Judiciary; Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Jamie Allard; Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. Andrew Gray; Rep. Cliff Groh  
**Subject:** oppose HB4

I oppose House Bill 4. Rank Choice voting **was a** citizen initiative and represents the will of the people of AK. It is not the legislators place to overturn this initiative. Thank you for your consideration of my opinion.

Carol Montgomery  
Palmer, AK

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** luannmcvey@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Luann McVey  
<luannmcvey@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 21:57  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HS 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,

Luann Mcvey

**1507 2nd St Douglas, AK 99824-5210**

luannmcvey@me.com

**Jake Almeida**

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**From:** sarah.venator@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Sarah Venator  
<sarah.venator@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 22:12  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4. House Bill 4 is a solution seeking a problem. Just three years ago, we Alaskans voted for ranked-choice voting. Ranked choice voting lets voters' preferences be more fully counted, instead of holding their noses and voting for the candidate on "their side" that they think can win. Where ranked choice voting has been implemented, it is shown to reduce negative campaigning and increase moderation in our politics. We have always been more independent in Alaska, and our voices should continue to be able to be fully heard. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would be a step backward. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Sarah Venator  
1435 E 26th Ave Anchorage, AK 99508-3907 sarah.venator@gmail.com



## Jake Almeida

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**From:** tom3@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Thomas Snyder <tom3@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent** Thursday, May 11, 2023 22:28  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

68% of the verbal testimony opposed House Bill 4!

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources.

Do what your constituents want by leaving ranked-choice voting and open primaries alone!

Sincerely,

Thomas Snyder

4400 Riverton Ave Anchorage, AK 99516-3696 tom3@gci.net

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** rundquist@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Larry Rundquist  
<rundquist@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent** Thursday, May 11, 2023 22:36  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

**Dear** House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Larry Rundquist  
2912 Alder Dr Anchorage, AK 99508-3200  
rundquist@gci.net

**Jake Almeida**

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**From:** MG Wallin <wallin\_mg@gci.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 23:07  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** Bill to eliminate ranked voting

Are you all crazy! The vast majority of Alaskans support ranked voting. Why are you trying to get rid of it? Alaskans fought hard to make it happen. Ranked voting saves money. Ranked voting allows the people to express the totality of their voting preference. Ranked voting allows for more people to attempt to get elected at a lower cost. I see the attempt to remove it as a purely partisan and politically motivated attempt to maintain party control, if not through gerrymandering then get rid of the mechanisms that make it harder for a single party to maintain political control. Heed the will of the Alaskan people and keep ranked voting.

Milton Wallin

Eagle River, Alaska

Sent from Mail for Windows

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** McKenna Hanson <mhansonak@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2023 23:50  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Cc:** Rep. Sarah Vance; Rep. Jamie Allard; Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. Andrew Gray; Rep. Cliff Groh  
**Subject** House Bill 4  
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To whom it may concern in the Alaska State House of Representatives,

My name is McKenna Hanson, and I am a constituent from Palmer in the Matanuska-Susitna Valley. I am writing with my public testimony regarding the attempt to repeal Ranked Choice Voting, a measure that was voted for by the people of Alaska in 2020 through Ballot Measure 2.

I testify that the repeal of this measure is not in the best interest of Alaskans, because ranked choice voting makes our democracy more equitable and it helps prevent extremism in our government, an issue that is poisoning communities across the United States. The attempt to simply remove more choices from our ballots is undemocratic and detrimental to the fair representation of the constituents to the state. Ranked choice voting allows for more centrism in the government and better represents the wishes of residents, and besides all that, constituents already have voted this measure in. The decision was made, and there the measure should stay until the proper time for review.

Thank you,  
McKenna Hanson  
7968 E. Edgerton **Parks** Road  
Palmer, Alaska 99645

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** iclumsum@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Howard Connelly  
<iclumsum@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2023 00:00  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Howard Connelly  
4301 E 145th Ave Anchorage, AK 99516-4102 iclumsum@gmail.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** d@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of David Wellman <d@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2023 00:01  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. I believe this system has a good effect on our democracy, especially in that it reduces the extreme partisanship that has torn apart the citizenry of our state and resulted in elected government that is often paralyzed and ineffectual. Those who oppose this new system are mostly those who believe they will benefit from the greater rancor and divisiveness of the old ways. Give open primaries and ranked-choice voting a longer trial period, and then see if we aren't all happier and our government more functional.

Sincerely,

David Wellman

HC 60 Box 227 Copper Center, AK 99573-9703 d@welm.us

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** koalaak@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Deborah Vandruff  
<koalaak@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2023 00:42  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Ranked choice voting works-don't mess with it!

Sincerely,  
Deborah Vandruff  
1820 Logan St Anchorage, AK 99508-3242  
koalaak@hotmail.com

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** jamesapone@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of James Apone  
<jamesapone@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2023 00:45  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
James Apone  
PO Box 242213 Anchorage, AK 99524-2213  
jamesapone@ak.net



**Jake Almeida**

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**From:** terryms@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Theresa Slaven  
<terryms@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2023 01:55  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4  
**t:**

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I prefer ranked choice voting! I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most **Alaskan** voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Theresa Slaven  
1800 E Pintail Dr Wasilla, AK 99654-2612 terryms@gci.net

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** cathmac@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Catherine McCarthy  
<cathmac@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2023 03:01  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Catherine McCarthy  
PO Box 957 Homer, AK 99603-0957  
cathmac@gci.net

## Jake Almeida

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**From:** sc07ryan@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Sandra Ryan  
<sc07ryan@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2023 04:34  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources.

Although not unexpected it is a discouraging reaction from voters, candidates and lawmakers who were dissatisfied with the outcome of the election. I feel that it is unfair to repeat ranked-choice voting before people have more time to adjust to and evaluate the outcome of the new system. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Sandra Ryan  
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**From:** Kyotico@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of John Brown  
<Kyotico@everyactioncustom.com >  
**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2023 05:13  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
John Brown  
7771 Mayfair Dr Apt 3 Anchorage, AK 99502-7242 Kyotico@gmfi.com

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**From:** int-acct@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Jerry Ouzts <int-acct@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2023 06:49  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing board public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Jerry Ouzts  
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**From:** skylinep@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Marc Dumas  
<skylinep@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2023 07:06  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Marc Dumas  
1166 Skyline Dr Fairbanks, AK 99712-1309 skylinep@alaskan.com

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**From:** wwuttke47@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of William Wuttke <wwuttke47@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2023 07:09  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
William Wuttke  
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**From:** tammas@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Tammas Brown  
<tammas@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2023 07:25  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4  
**t:**

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. Ranked choice voting is an effective way for all Alaskans so have true participation in our elections.

Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources.

Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Please do not repeal ranked choice voting!

Tammas

Sincerely,  
Tammas Brown  
22449 Deer Park Dr Chugiak, AK 99567-5332 tammas@biofidelic.com



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**From:** Donald Witzel <witzdp@mtaonline.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2023 07:32  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Cc:** Rep. Jamie Allard; Rep. **Sarah** Vance; Rep. Craig Johnson; Rep. David Eastman; Rep. Cliff Groh; Rep. Ben Carpenter; Rep. Andrew Gray  
**Subject:** Oppose HB4

We oppose HB 4. In 2020 the majority of Alaskan voters, voted to support the initiative to change to ranked choice voting and open primaries. Most voters have found it easy to understand. The instructions were well explained and advertised, there was very little difficulty voting under this system, it was a success. To pass legislation overturning the initiative would show disdain for Alaska voters and also show how out-of-touch the legislature is from the wishes of the majority of Alaskans. Please respect the voters and withdraw HB 4 from consideration.

Don and Phyllis Witzel

Don Witzel

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**From:** rmyers@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Christine Myers  
<rmyers@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2023 07:36  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our **state** money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Christine Myers  
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**Jake Almeida**

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**From:** jane olson <jamordh@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2023 07:44  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** Stop HB 4

Please stop HB 4 from happening.

Support Rank Choice voting!

I **was/am** proud to be an election worker during the first Rank Choice election. The election went smoothly.

Again, keep Rank Choice voting that was decided and voted in by the citizens of Alaska.

Regards,

Jane A Murphy

Anchorage

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** wayneJenkins27@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Wayne Jenkins  
<wayneJenkins27@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2023 07:53  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4  
**t:**

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I live in Representative Vance's district and oppose any repeal of ranked-choice voting which is favored by a majority of Alaskans! The two party dominated system has failed to get the job done and we need an approach that widens opportunity for alternate ideas and leadership to come forward.

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Wayne Jenkins  
Synergy Gardens  
Homer AK

Sincerely,  
Wayne Jenkins  
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**From:** faireisle@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Carolyn Wuttke  
<faireisle@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2023 07:55  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
Carolyn Wuttke  
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**From:** b jumper97@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Betsy Jumper <b jumper97@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent** Friday, May 12, 2023 08:13  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact.

Sincerely,  
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**From:** marianlallen@everyactioncustom.com on behalf of Marian Allen  
<marianlallen@everyactioncustom.com>  
**Sent** Friday, May 12, 2023 08:21  
**To:** House Judiciary  
**Subject:** I oppose HB 4

Dear House Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing in opposition of House Bill 4, and to show my support for open primaries and ranked-choice voting. In 2020, most Alaskan voters chose to implement ranked-choice voting, showing broad public support for this new system. I am one of those people who stoutly support ranked choice voting because it is more democratic. Any person can put their name into the ring and the the people elected stand a better chance of actually representing the most people. Many people, myself included, want to compare multiple candidates, not just those representing a particular party. With ranked choice we have more of a may like certain aspects of one candidate. Repealing our new voting system and switching back to the old one would not only confuse voters but also cost our state money and resources. Please focus on more pressing issues this legislative session and leave ranked-choice voting and open primaries intact. They are more democratic.

Sincerely,  
Marian Allen  
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