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The Ontario government's Bill 218 proposes to ban the use of ranked ballots in municipal elections. This move would be a missed opportunity to explore enhancing the voting system in Ontario.

The proposed ban appears to assume Ontarians can't make responsible choices on how their communities govern themselves. The government should look to opportunities to broaden the appeal of voting for elected officials, not to limit the appeal.

Ranked ballots could also encourage a wide range of candidates to stand for election.

Most Ontario municipalities have the maturity and capacity to run their own affairs. At the very least the government should ask for their input on what system they want for how their Councillors and Mayors are elected.

From a public transparency perspective why is this ban embedded (hidden?) in the unrelated supporting Ontario's Recovery ACT, 2020?

The Premier has said he wants to use the same system we have used for over 150 years. Thank goodness the Province didn't say that for how we should treat the COVID pandemic!

Premier Ford was chosen as Party Leader by a Ranked System and London has used it as a municipal system. The Province says it wants to use a consistent approach but if that's the case please ask the municipalities what they want.

Thank You
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