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Bill 218 proposes to ban the use of ranked ballots in municipal elections. Such a move by the provincial government shows a lack of respect for Ontarians and their ability to make responsible choices for how their communities govern themselves. It also blocks these communities from adopting a better voting system. In the

context of a pandemic, we need more effective local democracy, not less.

The Ontario PC Party itself uses ranked ballots. Our premier was elected Leader by a ranked ballot. If ranked ballots are good enough for his own party, surely they are good enough for the people of Ontario.

Now is the time to support municipalities and their ability to improve their democracy. Please vote to provide them with this support.