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Dear Committee Members,

I am writing to you today in favour of continuing to enable Ontario municipalities to use ranked ballot in their

elections.

Ranked ballots are a more democratic system of voting which help ensure that all voters have *some* say in the formation of our local governments, rather than the historic system which divides citizens into those that get 100% of the say and those that have absolutely none. It is a far more democratic system for elections, and democracy is a principle we should all strive to uphold here in Canada.

As a Londoner, I am proud of my community and our council for having moved forward with ranked ballots for our last election. They were clear, easy to use, and easy to understand. They gave a stronger voice to our people, and divided power more fairly among citizens.

As the Standing Committee on Justice Policy, I call on you to do the just thing: to ensure every citizen gets some say in who forms our governments by continuing to allow ranked ballots to be used here in Ontario.

Thank you for your time,
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