

Committee Written Testimony.

Dear Minnesota Senate Committee,

My name is Mike Griffin and I am a community organizer in Minneapolis and I focus on fixing the economic and social injustice that exists in Minneapolis, and across Minnesota. Since the death of George Floyd we have all grappled with how to fix the structures and systems and to make Minnesota a more equal and just place.

I believe that a simple change in how we elect our representatives can have a powerful change in who we elect and the issues our representatives care about. Studies indicate that women and people of color are more likely to run and win in higher numbers, an encouraging sign for the future of our democracy.

RCV is a powerful tool that promotes greater representation and addresses systemic barriers that prevent women and people of color from participating in our political system. I have worked closely with Fairvote Minnesota and I strongly urge you to support measures that expand RCV statewide and locally in Minnesota.

As you work daily to close the economic and racial gaps we have in Minnesota, we must also make the connection on how to continue to expand and strengthen our democracy.

Thank you,

Mike Griffin  
Minneapolis community organizer