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Testimony of Ranked Choice Voting Resource Center on SF 2270

On behalf of the Ranked Choice Voting Resource Center (RCVRC), we are pleased to offer this favorable testimony on SF 2270. The RCVRC is a 501(c)(3) nonpartisan nonprofit that supports ranked choice voting implementations across the country by providing best practices, software tools, educational material, and other resources for ranked choice voting implementation to anyone interested in the voting method. With decades of experience managing elections, our team has also administered statewide, municipal, and district ranked choice voting elections.

SF 2270 establishes clear guidelines for local jurisdictions that wish to adopt ranked choice voting for their local offices at general or special elections. Beginning in 2026, the bill also shifts the state to ranked choice voting for federal offices, state constitutional offices, and the legislature at every regular or special primary or general election. To support the new voting method, the bill also creates a Statewide Ranked Choice Voting Implementation Taskforce. Composed of key stakeholders, the task force will engage with election officials and recommend standards for ranked choice voting elections in the state.

As ranked choice voting experts, we had the opportunity to provide input on the text to ensure that it follows best practices and makes local RCV implementation straightforward. SF 2270 is a well-crafted bill to adopt ranked choice voting in Minnesota. This legislation provides concrete, actionable steps to effectively transition localities and the state to ranked choice voting. The RCVRC stands ready to assist Minnesota with any ranked choice voting implementation, free of charge.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment.

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