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To Chair Carlson & Members of the Senate Elections Committee:

I have been made aware that a recently amended version of the Ranked Choice Voting bill removes the Local Option from the bill.

On March 16, 2023, our Bemidji City Council passed a resolution in support of RCV. That resolution intentionally contained language in support of the Local Option, a provision which the League of Minnesota Cities has also long supported.

I believe that local control implies that local elections must set an example of how well ranked choice voting can work across all levels of election in this state and in our nation.

Please, I respectfully request that the Senate Elections Committee re-insert the Local Option provision into the RCV bill.

If I can be of further assistance or provide you with further information, I am very happy to do so.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lynn C. Eaton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lynn" being the most prominent.

Lynn Eaton

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