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Rich Kramer, Chairman  
Charter Commission  
15 Kellogg Blvd., W.  
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Chairman Kramer:

I write on behalf of TakeAction Minnesota to express our support for St. Paul's system of ranked choice voting and ask that it not be altered or undone by the Charter Commission.

In 2009, TakeAction Minnesota supported tens of thousands of St. Paul voters to amend the City charter to include ranked choice voting. Our members felt that this commonsense way to cast a ballot would make elections more about issues and less about personal attacks. They recognized that ranked choice voting gives voters more candidates to choose from and eliminates small turnout primaries that stifle democratic participation. It makes our elections better and more representative.

RCV has delivered, and is now our custom in St. Paul. It is the election system we know, and it works. The system should not be torn down.

We respectfully ask that you leave our system of voting in place.

Sincerely,

Dan McGrath  
Executive Director

CC: Shari Moore, Clerk