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Colorado Senate Finance Committee,

My name is Terrance Carroll and I'm the Executive Director of Unite Colorado. I'm also a former Speaker of the House. Unite Colorado is a group of Democrats, Republicans, and Unaffiliated voters committed to bridging the growing partisan divide in order to tackle our largest challenges and leave a better state for future generations. We do this by focusing on initiatives that make our democracy more representative and functional.

Unite Colorado supports HB21 -1071 because we firmly believe this legislation places voters first by (1) ensuring the winner of an election has majority support and (2) validating the electoral choices of voters. Although this committee does not debate the merits of a particular bill, it is important to note HB21 -1071's merits have significant financial benefits.

Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) saves taxpayer money. Many cities, and some states, hold runoff elections if no candidate earns majority support on the first ballot. Each year, hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars are spent administering runoff elections. Instead of forcing voters to return to the voting booth for a second time, RCV captures all voter sentiment in a single ballot, allowing for faster results, and fewer expenses.

Unite Colorado urges you to vote yes on this important legislation. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Terrance D. Carroll
Executive Director