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Dear New York State Senate Committee on Elections,

I write to share my experience with ranked choice voting. It was a welcome change to have the option of ranking my preferred candidates in the recent primaries. This made voting much simpler for me. I could devote my candidate research time to looking for the candidate that most closely aligned with my values. I did not have to worry about the much more difficult issue of trying to determine which candidate was closest to my issues **and could also survive a primary**. With the ranked choice system, I had ample opportunity to let my voice be heard while still having the chance to impact the final outcome of the primary. This system made my vote much more meaningful and saved me time. While I would prefer the opportunity to rank candidates in general elections, the system we have now was a positive step in the right direction. I hope the state would consider adopting a ranked choice system for it's elections.

Sincerely,

Matthew Cueter