

# An Open Letter to Our Legislators

State Capitol Building  
Madison, WI 53703

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Dear Legislators:

It has come to our attention that there is currently a Senate Bill 528, a bill which seeks to advance an “innovation” on ranked-choice voting (RCV) known as Final Five Voting (FFV). A similar measure was previously floated in Wisconsin and rightly failed.

We write to urge you to refrain from supporting this bill. Touted by its principal Wisconsin advocate and former Obama appointee, Katherine Gehl, as a means to “break political gridlock,” FFV is a Trojan Horse. The only gridlock RCV has a clear record of breaking is majority conservative representation. In fact, RCV—in whatever variation—has consistently helped Democrats advance *their* candidates and agendas wherever it has been implemented.

Alarming, Wisconsin would be the *first* in the nation to implement this new FFV variant for federal elections. This state is already beleaguered with election-related issues. The multitude of legal and constitutional violations already lodged against WEC Administrator Meagan Wolfe should give Republicans pause on further experimenting with the logistics of our elections process.

Final Five voting would further compromise election integrity and the trust of voters in this state by embracing a system that will unquestionably add new complexities, guarantee confusion, and establish new avenues for potential fraud.

Rather than pursuing an RCV path that can lead only to poor outcomes, we encourage you to focus instead on restoring trust in our existing system by: 1) rooting out abuse of it, 2) working to repair damage to it, and 3) prosecuting those who have damaged the people of Wisconsin by it.

Most sincerely, the undersigned:  
Republican Party of Dane County  
Executive Committee