

Prominent Business Leaders Applaud Alaska’s Election Reform

In an Op-Ed in *The Hill*, a group of prominent business leaders applaud Alaska’s use of “Ranked-choice voting” in this week’s election. As Republicans, Democrats, and Independents, members of the group note that they are Americans first, committed to non-partisan efforts to make our democracy function to produce solutions that are in the common interest. Instead, political discourse in Washington, D.C. is too often characterized by extreme polarization, nearly unprecedented incivility, and legislative dysfunction. As they note, these are not bugs in our current political system, but rather features working exactly as designed. The incentives built into the system (gerrymandered districts, closed primaries, and winner-take-all voting) perpetuate extreme polarization. It’s a structural design problem, and as the following business leaders argue, Ranked-choice voting as implemented in Alaska is designed to change those incentives.

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Todd Dipaola, CEO, InMarket (Austin, TX)

Ron Miller, Chairman of the Board, StartEngine (Los Angeles, CA)

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Michael Harper, CEO, Summit Group (Silver Spring, MD)

Robert Giaimo, President/CEO & Founder, Silver Diner Development, Inc (McLean, VA)

David Mulligan, CEO, Eduvantis (Chicago, IL)

Julia Klein, Chairwoman & CEO, C.H. Briggs Company (Reading, PA)

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