



Dear IRV Supporter,

We all were hoping that the bruising and expensive fist-fight for the U.S. Senate seat would end on Election Day.

Instead, Minnesota's most expensive and negative campaign ever – the knock-down, drag-out fight between Senator Norm Coleman and challenger Al Franken – begins its recount today and is almost certainly headed to the courts from there. It will be a protracted and high-priced affair and no matter the outcome, most voters will be left dissatisfied.

Instant Runoff Voting (IRV) would have produced an entirely different election.

We would have likely had a decisive winner on Election Day, preferred by a majority of the voters.

IRV would have precipitated an issue-driven campaign and rendered the negative campaigning ineffective. The race wouldn't have sunk into the boxing ring in an effort to get your vote.

IRV would have leveled the playing field for all candidates. The inclusiveness of IRV would have broadened and enriched the political discourse.

IRV would have let voters vote their hopes and not their fears.

IRV would have mitigated the influence of partisan extremism.

The time for IRV has come. With [your help](#), we can build on this momentum and make IRV a reality in Minnesota. We need your financial support to continue building awareness about and support for a better way to vote, to successfully implement IRV in Minneapolis next year, to place IRV on the Saint Paul, Duluth and other city ballots, and to lay the legislative groundwork for IRV statewide.

Minnesota and its mostly deserved reputation for good government have taken some hits from the Senate brouhaha. It's too late to duck that punch or the ones we can expect in the weeks – and maybe months – yet to come. It's not too late, though, to make sure we don't get into this situation again.

Help ensure that Minnesota has open, civil and fair elections with respectable candidates that are preferred by a majority of voters [by supporting FairVote Minnesota](#) with a contribution of \$25, \$50, \$100 – or more you are able. [Your](#)

[commitment](#) can make all the difference in ensuring a better democracy for Minnesota!

THANK YOU for your continued support for FairVote Minnesota.

Sincerely,

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