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Subject: H7896_S2598

TO: Honorable Members of the House Judiciary Committee
Honorable Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee

Dear Honorable Members:

I am writing regarding bills introduced in the 2020 legislative session related to streamlining emergency voting (H7896 and S2598).

As the Clerk to the West Warwick Board of Canvassers I would like to strongly support these bills. My Canvass Board members fully support the passage of these bills, which will give staff the ability to handle requests for emergency mail ballots in a safe and efficient manner. Having the poll pad, DS-200 and ballots on hand will reduce handling extra paperwork and create a more secure process for the voters to cast their ballots during the emergency period.

I am a member of the Elections Committee for the Rhode Island Town and City Clerks' Association and we support both of these bills as we recognize the importance of instilling confidence in voters that all Boards of Canvassers are committed to providing safe and secure elections.

On behalf of the Town of West Warwick, I respectfully ask that the General Assembly approve this legislation.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

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