



**Town of Little Compton
Town Hall
P.O. Box 226
Little Compton, RI 02837**

July 14, 2020

Dear Honorable Members:

I am writing regarding House Bill H8102 which is being introduced today, July 14, 2020 related to emergency voting.

As the Clerk to the Little Compton Canvassing Authority I strongly support this bill. It is imperative that Rhode Island voters are provided safe opportunities to cast their ballots and assurances that local offices are able to process results accurately and efficiently. To handle the increased requests for emergency mail ballots, we must be given the tools to succeed. Having poll pads, an optical scan DS-200 and ballots on hand will reduce extra paperwork and processing time 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 who support this bill recognizing the commitment we have to our community members for safe and secure elections and the importance of offering support to the local Boards of Canvassers as well as confidence to the voters.

We respectfully request that the General Assembly approve this legislation.

Please contact this office if you have any questions (401-635-4400).

Respectfully submitted,

Carol A. Wordell, CMC, Town Clerk
Clerk, Little Compton Board of Canvassers

Cc: Robert Rapoza, Executive Director, RI Board of Elections
Rob Rock, Director of Elections, RI Secretary of State