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Jennifer Lima H8155 Support

I am writing today in support of H8155 which outlines the process for a person petitioning to change their name in the probate court in the town or city where they reside.

Rhode Island has long had a process for an individual to legally change their name. Yet for many transgender people, as well as for people leaving a marriage or survivors of domestic violence, barriers remain that make the process inaccessible and even a risk to their safety.

H8155 removes these barriers and makes legal name changes more accessible and safer for those who need them.

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Why Pronouns Matter

Talking About Pronouns in the Workplace - HRC Foundation (thehrcfoundation.org)

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[&]quot;Diversity is a fact. Equity is a choice. Inclusion is an action. Belonging is an outcome." - Arthur Chan