

Rhode Island Town and City Clerks' Association



ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

March 7, 2025

The Honorable Members of the House Judiciary Committee
82 Smith St.
Providence, RI 02903

RE: Rhode Island Town and City Clerks' Association Support for H-5300

Dear Chairman Craven and Hon. Members of the House Judiciary Committee.:

As Chairperson of the Elections Committee of the Rhode Island Town and City Clerks' Association, I am writing to inform you the membership of the RITCCA voted unanimously at its January 2025 quarterly meeting to **support** the following legislation that is now before the House State Government and Elections Committee:

H-5300 – Prohibiting the making of threats against election officials.

In the 2024 election cycle, **election officials in Rhode Island were victims of attacks** including white powder envelopes mailed to the state Board of Elections in Cranston, and "swatting." Elsewhere in America, election infrastructure was attacked using incendiary devices, bomb threats, physical and verbal threats, and otherwise. Election workers have a right – and a necessity – to feel safe when completing our official duties, afforded the full protections of law.

The RITCCA is the state's association of municipal clerks and election officials. On behalf of the Elections Committee, which has also voted unanimously to support this bill, we respectfully request the Honorable House of Representatives consider passage of this legislation that holds the widespread support of local election officials throughout Rhode Island.

We likewise thank the House for its past support of H-5300, which passed the full House of Representatives last year.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nicholas J. Lima".

Nicholas J. Lima
Chairperson
RITCCA Elections Committee
Registrar/Director of Elections, City of Cranston Canvassing Authority

Cc: Jennifer M. West CMC, RITCCA President; Portsmouth Town Clerk
Michael Narducci, Elections Committee Vice-Chair; Administrator, Providence BOC