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Dear Judiciary Committee,

I am writing respectfully to request that you support the Rhode Island Civil Rights Enforcement Act. This bill gives Rhode Islanders the right to sue for violations of state constitutional rights, something the Rhode Island Supreme has said does not exist without the legislative creation of a causes of action. So, it is necessary for the legislature to create a cause of action if the guarantees of our Constitution are to be more than merely aspirational statements, like those of the constitutions of dictatorships around the world.

Please support this bill. Keep Rhode Islanders from having our state constitutional violations trampled on without recourse, and make the rights guaranteed by our constitution, which is established in the name of all Rhode Islanders mean something more than ink on paper or pixels on a screen.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Respectfully,
Jonathan Guttoff