

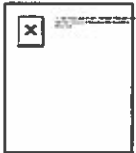
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Brown College Democrats supports these package of bills aimed at improving and creating structures and systems to ensure accountability and a more open, accessible, and transparent process that allows for meaningful input from the public.

Many bills coming before the General Assembly this term concerns the future of Rhode Island, including climate change and education investments. As students, we are limited in our ability to participate in these Democratic process by classes and homework that keep us from attending the General Assembly in person. However, we do not believe that should stop us from testifying and making our voices heard. Brown College Democrats also works closely with high school students in the state, who often are too young to vote. These voices are just as important to hear from during the legislative process, as they represent the future of Rhode Island. Our Representatives must stand up to support a transparent process to allow ALL Rhode Islanders the opportunity to participate in our democracy. The General Assembly must be accessible, and therefore these Rules bills are imperative.

Thank you,
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