



March 8, 2021

Chairwoman Fogarty
House Special Legislation Committee
Providence, Rhode Island, 02903

Re: 2021- H5781 -- Support for The Elected and Appointed Minority Officials Commission

Dear Chairwoman Fogarty and Members of the Committee,

The Rhode Island Political Action Committee (RILPAC) is a nonpartisan organization that educates elected officials, political leaders, and candidates about the concerns and priorities shared by Rhode Island Latinos; takes a stand on issues impacting the State's underrepresented communities; and supports candidates committed to improving the quality of life for Rhode Island Latinos.

RILPAC firmly believes that the legislation (H5781) introduced by Representatives Williams, Hull, Alzate, Barros, Morales, Batista, Henries, Giraldo, Felix, and Diaz, is a powerful step in the advancement of various communities of minority identities. By empowering the elected and appointed minority officials to organize a commission, the House will be communicating that the voices of minority groups are important and are to be given a platform in the Rhode Island House of Representatives.

RILPAC is proud to support this important step in ensuring that all Rhode Islanders feel represented and heard in the state legislature. It is our hope that this committee, as well as the General Assembly, understands their responsibility to support this important legislation and investment in our Rhode Island community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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