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To the House State Government and Elections Committee...

I am submitting this testimony in opposition to House bill 6622 on primary elections.

This is a “solution” in search of a problem. The risk of enormous dark-money-driven primaries that shut out and disenfranchise an entire bloc of the electorate are not worth the dubious rewards. Forced choice in the general is still *forced* — it does not comport with the spirit of American elections. This system has not been an unqualified success in the states which have tried it so far, and there is no need for Rhode Island to change at this time.

If you are in search of ways to improve our electoral process, please start with changes which would actually empower third parties, like fusion voting.

Thank you for your consideration and all that you do for our state.

Best regards.
-John McDaid

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