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Gregg M. Amore, Secretary of State

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The Honorable Evan P. Shanley, Chair
House Committee on State Government and Elections

RE: In support of H8304 – An Act Relating to Elections – Federal Elective Officers

Dear Chair Shanley,

I write this letter in support of House Bill 8304, legislation that will change the statute on the meeting of the presidential electors to conform with the federal Electoral Count Reform and Presidential Transition Improvement (ECRA) Act.

The ECRA passed at the end of 2022 and changed the century-old Electoral Count Act of 1887. The Act's intent is to provide clearer guidelines on counting electoral votes and resolving disputes by addressing both the federal and state sides of the Electoral College process.

Should House Bill 8304 pass, the state would be in compliance with federal law pursuant to 3 U.S.C. § 7 on the meeting of its electors, and, therefore, would avoid potential litigation or calls for the illegitimacy of the counting of Rhode Island's electoral votes.

I urge this Committee and the full House to support House Bill 8304 as it will ensure Rhode Islanders remain confident in how we run our elections and can be assured that our state follows this federal directive.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Michelle Arias, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, at marias@sos.ri.gov.

Sincerely,

Gregg M. Amore
Secretary of State

cc: The Honorable Members of the House Committee on State Government and Elections