



**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

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March 17, 2025

The Honorable Representative Evan P. Shanley
Chair, House State Government and Elections Committee
State House
Providence, RI 02903

RE: Opposition for 2025 H5137 AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS -- GENERAL PROVISIONS

Dear Chairman Shanley and Members of the Committee,

The Board of Elections held a meeting on March 4, 2025 to discuss and vote upon support, opposition or no position for legislation recently submitted to the General Assembly for consideration during the 2025 Legislative session. Listed below is the bill the Board of Elections voted to oppose:

- H5137

The Board opposed H5137 as the Rhode Island Department of State (DOS) manages the Central Voter Registration System that includes the voter registration list. As such, the Board of Elections does not have the ability to verify citizenship status of the voter registration list.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Miguel J. Nuñez", is written over a light blue circular stamp.

Miguel J. Nuñez
Executive Director

CC: The Honorable Members of the House Finance Committee
The Honorable Representative Evan P. Shanley
Steven Sepe, Committee Clerk
Nicole McCarty, Chief Legal Counsel to the Speaker of the House