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To: House State Government and Elections Committee
Cc: Rep. Rebecca Kislak
Subject: Support of H-5515

Dear Chairman Shanley,

My name is Judith Fishman and I am a resident of Providence. I am writing to express my strong support of H-5515.

I am in support of H-5515 because I realize that there's a sizable proportion of people who are eligible to vote who become interested in the process and in making their voices heard very close to - up to the day of - elections. The RI constitution's deadline for voter registration prior to an election eliminates people who engage when information and media activity related to the election is at its peak and I fear that we miss an important set of voices. All input in our electoral process is important. Rhode Island is wonderfully unique in many ways, but its uniqueness in having this deadline is not a good thing, not something of which to be proud.

The fact that 9,000 voters registered on election day in the 2024 presidential election speaks to the importance of allowing this to take place. With modern technology, same-day registration is possible and laudable. Let's remove the barrier so RI can join 23 other states and DC in allowing same-day voter registration.

I hope the House State Government and Elections Committee will pass H-5515.

Thank you for your consideration.
Judith Fishman
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