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То:	House State Government and Elections Committee
Subject:	RE: Support - H-5515

Dear Chairman Shanley,

My name is Kathryn, and I am a resident of Newport. I am writing to express my strong support of H-5515.

I am in support of H-5515 because, apart from strongly believing in voting as a democratic right (and duty), I have personal experience with the frustrating impediments sometimes in the way. Because of ID laws in this state, and the timing with moving here from out-of-state, I was almost unable to vote in the 2020 election.

That election was crucial for me personally, and I think also for the country. Were I in less of a position of privilege, with logistical family support, I very well may not have been able to vote. I am confident many Rhode Islanders have similar stories. I therefore, as a citizen and state resident, see as crucial legislation to reduce these roadblocks.

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

Thank you for your consideration, and your important work,

Kathryn Boland Newport, Rl