

The Honorable Evan P. Shanley
RI House State Government and Elections Committee
March 18, 2025

RE: Support - H-5515 Same Day Registration

Dear Chair Shanley and member of the Committee,

My name is Mary Frances Cooper and I live in Providence. I strongly support H-5515, which would ensure that all Rhode Islanders who are eligible can register to vote in a timely manner, including same day registration.

As a proud member of the Providence League of Women Voters, I spend considerable volunteer time registering new voters and advising people on their rights and obligations regarding voting. I do this because I believe whole-heartedly in our democratic process and I want it to be strong. I am so concerned with efforts that I have seen across our country to interfere with this right. I believe that Rhode Island should be a beacon for democracy nationwide. Voting, for those who are eligible, should be easy and straightforward. We should want to have everyone's voice in every election!

I urge the House State Government and Elections Committee to pass H-5515 and bring it to the full House for a vote. This is important.

Thank you so much for your consideration.

Best regards,

Mary Frances Cooper
Providence, RI