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To: House State Government and Elections Committee
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To: The Honorable Evan P. Shanley,  House State Government and Elections Committee

Dear Chairman Shanley,

My name is Sally Bozzuto, and I am a resident of Elmwood, Providence. I am writing to express my strong support for H-5515, which would implement same-day voter registration in Rhode Island.

Voting is a fundamental right, and we should be doing everything in our power to make it as accessible as possible. Same-day voter registration removes unnecessary barriers that prevent eligible citizens from participating in our democracy. Many people only become fully aware of election deadlines too late, and they should not be turned away simply because of an arbitrary cutoff date. Expanding access to voter registration is a win for everyone, ensuring that more voices are heard and that our elections truly reflect the will of the people.

Rhode Island already allows same-day voter registration for presidential elections—why stop there? If we trust this process to work smoothly for the most high-profile election in the country, then we should extend it to all elections. Every election matters, whether it's for local offices, state representatives, or congressional seats. Limiting same-day registration to just the presidential election needlessly restricts access to democracy at the state and local levels, where policies directly impact our communities.

We have seen the success of same-day voter registration in other states. Currently, 22 states and Washington, D.C., allow voters to register and cast their ballots on the same day. Studies show that states with this policy consistently have higher voter turnout. For example, in the 2020 election, states with same-day registration saw average turnout rates 5-7% higher than those without it.

Ensuring fair and accessible elections is a nonpartisan issue that strengthens our democracy. I urge the House State Government and Elections Committee to pass H-5515 and remove outdated restrictions that make it harder for Rhode Islanders to exercise their right to vote.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely, 
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