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The Honorable Evan P. Shanley
House State Government and Elections Committee
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Dear Chairman Shanley,

My name is Sam, and I am a student at Brown University and a member of the organization Every Vote Counts (EVC). I have written this testimony to express my support for Resolution H5515, which would move us one step closer to implementing same-day voter registration.

This semester, I served as the Analytics lead for a project that aimed to understand deeper voter trends and insights from polling data on election day. My team discovered that there was overwhelming support for the policy among respondents, with more than 80% support in each age group and 100% of the 18-24 age group in support of the policy. I believe this simple statistic indicates how the younger voting population, who will be the future voters for years to come, views the same day voter registration policy in a positive manner. As a young voter myself, I share the same support due to the convenience that such a voting accommodation would provide to the population.

As a student at Brown University and member of Every Vote Counts, I believe Resolution H5515 is extremely important to expanding voter access and dismantling unnecessary roadblocks for all citizens in this state. I hope that you consider passing this piece of legislation to benefit Rhode Islanders.

Thank you for your consideration,
Samdeet (Sam) Khan