



CITY OF PROVIDENCE

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March 5, 2025

The Honorable Members of the House Committee on State Government and Elections
82 Smith St.
Providence, RI 02903

RE: Providence Board of Canvassers Opposition to House 5873

Dear Chairman Shanley and Hon. Members of the House State Government and Elections Committee:

I am writing on behalf of the Providence Board of Canvassers to raise our opposition to House Bill 5873.

We feel that **house bill 5873** is not warranted. Currently the voter does provide their Date of Birth on the application, and we compare the signature on the application to the signature on the voter's record. The way the legislation is written does not allow for a process if the voter does not have either form of ID. We feel that this legislation will provide a barrier to the process for a mail ballot.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions on this legislation, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 401-680-5530, or via email at mnarducci@providenceri.gov.

Very truly yours,

Michael Narducci
Administrator of Elections

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