

## Testimony of Common Cause Rhode Island on H 5874—An Act Relating to Elections—Voting

### Position: Support

Common Cause Rhode Island supports H 5874 which facilitates the voting while incarcerated for those who are eligible. In 2006 Rhode Island became the first state in the nation to restore voting rights post incarceration by referendum. H 5874 would continue to build on that historic reform by assisting those who remain incarcerated, but are otherwise eligible, with voting.

H 5874 requires that correctional institutions post information about voting, that the Department of Corrections appoints a “voting coordinator” to facilitate voting by eligible incarcerated voters, that the coordinator submit a plan to the Secretary of State and that the Secretary of State create a system for receiving complaints from jail-based voters.

Common Cause Rhode Island is pleased to support H 5874.