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The Honorable Evan P. Shanley
Chair, State Government and Elections Committee
Rhode Island State House
Providence, RI 02903

re: support of House Resolution 6125

Dear Chairman Shanley and Committee Members:

The Rhode Island State Council of Churches strongly endorses House Resolution 6125.

As faith leaders, we recognize that we live in unsettled times. Much of our discourse, religious or otherwise, has become grounded in fear-based thinking. It has become commonplace to deny the very *being* of the LGBTQIA+ community, especially our transgender siblings.

And yet, our view of faith recognizes that the radical inbreaking of God's inclusive love has the power to recast our hatred into love, our scare into peace, our fear into faith.

At its core, the fundamental theological reflection is this: every person is created in the image of God and what is created by God is good. The remarkable diversity of gender and sexual orientation that exists reveals the depth and beauty of God's creative activity in the world.

The Council is committed to an expansive view of God's inclusive love and therefore urges adoption of House Resolution 6125.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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