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Dear Legislators,

I am writing to respectfully urge you to **oppose the renewal of House Bill H7007**, which would continue allowing electronic ballot return for certain voters.

While I strongly support ensuring that military members and veterans are able to participate fully in our elections, **electronic ballot return raises serious and unresolved concerns about election security, ballot secrecy, and public confidence**. These concerns are shared by cybersecurity experts, election officials nationwide, and federal agencies that consistently advise against internet-based ballot return.

Unlike paper ballots, electronically returned ballots:

- Cannot be meaningfully audited
- Are vulnerable to interception, tampering, or malware
- Require voters to waive ballot secrecy protections
- Create risks that cannot be fully mitigated, even with safeguards

Rhode Island's existing system already provides multiple secure options for military and overseas voters, including **electronic ballot delivery combined with paper return**, which preserves both access and integrity. Expanding or continuing electronic return goes beyond what is necessary and introduces risks that could undermine trust in our elections.

Importantly, H7007 was passed as a **temporary pilot**, not a permanent solution. Renewing it without clear evidence that the security risks have been resolved contradicts the cautious approach the General Assembly originally intended.

We owe it to all voters — including veterans — to ensure that **every vote is secure, secret, and verifiable**. For these reasons, I respectfully ask that you vote **no** on the renewal of H7007.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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