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

RE: Cranston Board of Canvassers Support for H-7007 (Military and Disabled Voter Mail Ballots)

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

The Cranston Board of Canvassers voted unanimously to support **H-7007**, an act that preserves the existing rights of overseas U.S. citizens – particularly military service voters – and voters with disabilities to access and vote a mail ballot, and timely return it to state election officials via a system that has layered security safeguards.

These two categories of voters are limited in number and require additional accommodations in order to ensure they are not enfranchised, and can vote their ballots securely, privately, and independently. The Secretary of State has maintained a secure system for this purpose, allowing these voters to do. As overseas U.S. citizens or as voters with disabilities, both categories of voters are entitled to added protections under federal law to ensure their votes count, and that they can participate in our democratic process without unnecessary obstacles in the way.

Importantly, it is our understanding that this legislation only continues an existing program that had an automatic sunset in state law last year, thus preserving the status quo and allowing these specific categories of voters to continue voting in 2026 and beyond in the effective, efficient, and accessible manner they have been accustomed to, under the strict security safeguards and protocols the Secretary of State has already built and has already been in place for multiple election cycles.

If you have any questions regarding this bill, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 401-780-3128, or via email at nlima@cranstonri.gov. We appreciate your consideration and support for this legislation.

Very truly yours,

Nicholas J. Lima
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Cc: Kirk McDonough, Chairperson, Cranston Board of Canvassers