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**Chair Shanley and Members of the Committee:**

I urge you to support H 7303 that would give voters the opportunity to decide whether to amend the RI Constitution to eliminate the 30 day requirement for voter registration. If voters agree with amending, the legislature can draft a new bill.

Approving the resolution is the first step in increasing voting accessibility. The current 30 requirement penalizes voters who, for a variety of reasons, miss the deadline. Rhode Island is one of only four states that have this restriction.

Same day voter registration is working in 23 states and in four of the six New England states. Rhode Island has been a leader in passing laws that increase voter participation and accessibility. Eliminating the 30 day registration requirement will allow more voters to participate in elections.

Thank you for your consideration and approval of H 7303.

Sincerely,  
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