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Dear Chairman Shanley, First Vice Chair Messier, Second Vice Chair Corvese, and Honorable Members of the House State Government & Elections Committee,

My name is Evelyn Sterne, I am a Newport resident, and I am writing in strong opposition to House Bill 7380, which would ban ranked choice voting (RCV) in Rhode Island. RCV has been used in red, blue and purple states across the country and has time and again produced higher voter turnout, more representation for women and people of color, and campaigns that are focused more on issues and less on personal attacks. We should be working to *implement* RCV in Rhode Island, not ban it. I urge you to stand with the thousands of Rhode Islanders who have pledged our support for ranked choice voting and reject this anti-democratic ban effort backed by the [Heritage Foundation](#), the same group responsible for Project 2025.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Evelyn Sterne
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