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Dear Committee Chair Shanley and Members of the House State Government and Elections Committee:

I am a RI voter writing to express my strong support of the RI Voting Rights Act (H8334). In this moment, our voting rights as Americans are under attack at the federal level with the Save America Act being pushed by the Trump administration. We need to codify state level voting protections to offer a buffer against this anti-democratic erosion of our rights, as soon as possible.

The RIVRA will protect against voter suppression and voter dilution. It will go further to allow the Attorney General, individuals and groups to bring legal action against jurisdictions that employ tactics that suppress or dilute the power of votes, or intimidate voters. RIVRA also will ensure assistance to voters with limited English or disabilities.

At this critical time when voting rights in America are in jeopardy, I urge you to protect Rhode Islanders' voting rights.

Vote in support of the RI Voting Rights Act, H8334, to move it out of committee, and to the full House for a vote this session.

Thank you,  
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