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H8334
Support
Jennifer Lima

Dear Committee Chair Shanley and Committee Members:

I am writing to express my strong support of H8334 the RI Voting Rights Act which would establish procedures to prevent discrimination in the voting process.

When the federal Voting Rights Act was signed in 1965 it's intent was to remove legal barriers which were preventing African Americans from voting. The elimination of discriminatory practices like literacy tests and poll taxes resulted in a dramatic increase in minority voter registration and representation.

Since that time we have seen those federal protections eroded significantly. This bill would protect voting rights at the state level by (among other things) protecting against discrimination, ensuring language assistance in qualified communities, protecting against voter intimidation and attempts at suppression and intimidation.

The right to vote is one of the most important rights we have. Please pass this bill to protect Rhode Islander's right to access it.

Thank you,
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