

Dear Committee Chairman and Committee Members-

My name is Jim Kingston and I reside in Providence. I am writing in SUPPORT of House bill 8334.

As we are painfully aware, the current regime In Washington DC is trying to further limit our Constitutional right to vote. What had been great progress 60 years ago has been weakened over the years to abridge the rights of many, in particular minority groups. It is incumbent on our Rhode Island legislature to protect all of our neighbors and their right to vote.

Bill 8334 would make it illegal to prevent minorities from exercising their right to vote and would provide language access to our large and growing Spanish-speaking voters population. Rhode Island needs to join the 9 other states which have already added protection for their residents. Now more than ever, we need to meet the moment.

I ask that you vote this bill out of Committee for a full vote of the House. Thank you for your consideration.