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Dear Chairman Shanley,

My name is Shahidah Ali, and I am a resident of North Providence. I am writing to express my strong support for H8334.

I support H8334 because there is compelling evidence that voter suppression and vote dilution are on the rise in America. After so many years of Black citizens being denied, beaten, jailed, and even killed for attempting to exercise their right to vote, it would be a profound injustice for Rhode Island to slip back toward conditions reminiscent of the pre-1965 era, before the Voting Rights Act was enacted.

Passing H8334 would demonstrate a clear commitment to protecting our democracy and ensuring that no citizen is excluded from the electoral process. I urge the Committee to advance this bill and uphold the fundamental right to vote for all.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Shahidah Ali

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