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To House Committee Members,

I oppose **H8334** insidiously named as a Voting Rights Act. The verbiage in this bill is extremely deceitful and detrimental to the legality of the election process. Citizens of the United States and of the state of Rhode Island already have full voting rights under the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) enacted in 2002 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965. This bill was written up citing a need to correct the issue of voter suppression, vote dilution and "racially based gerrymandering" in state law, when nothing of the sort occurs in the state of Rhode Island. The only basis of this bill is to ratify the allowance of illegal voting that was "enacted" in 2023, which is ILLEGAL in itself and goes against the US Constitution and the RI State Constitution, called the 14th Amendment. The only other purpose for this bill is to subvert the legality of what already goes on to support a partisan agenda.

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