

RE: Support - H-8334, the Rhode Island Voting Rights Act

Dear Chairperson Shanley and members of the State Government and Elections Committee, My name is Sheila O'Connell and I am a resident of Providence. I am writing to express my strong support of H-8334, the Rhode Island Voting Rights Act.

I have voted in every possible election for the last 51 years, since I registered to vote at age 18. It is very important to me to have the right to vote and to have my vote matter. It is equally important to me that all citizens are able to vote in free and fair elections.

The RI Voting Rights Act will help to ensure that Rhode Islanders keep the voting rights and access to voting that were codified by the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965. Unfortunately, the federal voting rights act has been weakened over time by federal court rulings and a hostile DOJ. The fact that the current corrupt presidential administration has threatened to take over the management of elections makes the situation extremely urgent.

I urge you to support and vote for H-8334.

Thank you for your consideration.  
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