

April 14, 2026

RE: Support – H8334

Dear Chairman Shanley,

I am writing as a Rhode Island voter to express my strong support of H8334.

Voting is a fundamental right and a foundational part of our democracy. I remember visiting the ballot box with my parents as a child and was so proud to cast my first vote when I became eligible. I am fortunate to have never felt unsafe or unwelcome when voting, but I know that is not the case for every eligible voter. As a nation, we should be making it easier, safer, and more accessible for everyone to exercise their freedom to vote without interference. Unfortunately, this is not what is happening federally, and we must fight back.

At this critical time when national voting rights are in jeopardy, we must codify voting protections at the state level. I hope the House State Government and Elections Committee will pass H8334, the Rhode Island Voting Rights Act, to safeguard our voting rights here in Rhode Island.

Thank you for your consideration.

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