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To: House State Government and Elections Committee
Subject: Support for H 8334

The Honorable Evan Shanley and Committee Members:

I am writing in strong support for the Rhode Island Voting Rights Act, H 8334. The landmark federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 has been weakened by the Supreme Court, lack of action by Congress, and poor federal enforcement. The RI VRA would build on the federal law and protect Rhode Islanders against vote dilution, vote suppression, voter intimidation, discrimination, and give voters a private right of action to vindicate their rights.

Voting is a fundamental privilege and right in our democracy. We must protect this right by guaranteeing access for all so that voters can cast their ballots freely, without the barriers of intimidation and discrimination.

Please vote for the RI VRA, H 8334, so that it can reach the General Assembly for approval this legislative season.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,
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