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Honorable Matthew L. LaMountain, Chairman
Senate Committee on Judiciary
State House
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

**RE: 2026 – S 2341 Substitute A - An Act Relating to Elections –Mail Ballots
2026 -- H 7007as amended - An Act Relating to Elections –Mail Ballots**

Dear Chair LaMountain:

Please accept this letter of support regarding [S 2341 Sub A](#) and [H 7007aa](#) which would allow eligible disabled voters and military and overseas voters to continue to utilize electronically transmitted ballots as originally enacted in 2022.

Many individuals with disabilities face significant challenges in exercising their right to fully participate in the election process without the accommodations afforded by the opportunity to transmit their ballots electronically.

The continuation of this voting option would significantly benefit individuals with psychiatric, intellectual, and/or developmental disabilities who are eligible for services provided by the Department by ensuring that they have equal access to the voting process.

For these reasons, BHDDH respectfully urges the Honorable Members of this Committee to recommend S 2341 Sub A and H 7007aa for passage.

Sincerely,

Richard Leclerc
Director

cc: Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary
Honorable William W. O'Brien
Kristen Silva, Director of Legislation and Deputy Chief of Staff