



# State of Rhode Island COMMISSION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

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## TESTIMONY

BILL NO.: 2026 S 2341  
BILL TITLE: An Act Relating to Elections – Mail Ballots  
PRIMARY SPONSOR: Senator LaMountain  
COMMITTEE: Senate Judiciary

The Rhode Island Commission for Human Rights (“Commission”) **supports** this bill which allows eligible voters with disabilities to continue to use electronically transmitted ballots.

The Commission is the state’s primary antidiscrimination law enforcement agency charged with investigating allegations of discrimination in employment, housing, public accommodations, credit and delivery of services. Among the allegations investigated by the Commission are those of race, ancestral origin, age and disability discrimination in employment and housing and disability discrimination related to services.

**The Commission believes that passage of this bill, which would continue the system enacted in 2022, would give voters with disabilities a fair opportunity to vote. It would allow those voters who are incapacitated to such an extent that voting at the polls would constitute an undue hardship, an accommodation which would give them a reasonable method for voting.**

The voices of all Rhode Island citizens need to be heard. Because this bill would preserve the process which the General Assembly approved in the past to safeguard the rights of voters with disabilities, the Commission urges you to support S 2341.

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