



# STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

## OFFICE OF VETERANS SERVICES

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Daniel J. McKee **Governor**  
Kasim J. Yarn **Director**

February 26, 2026

The Honorable Matthew L. LaMountain  
Chair, Senate Committee on Judiciary  
State House  
82 Smith Street  
Providence, RI 02903

**RE: S2341 - AN ACT RELATING TO ELECTIONS**

Dear Chair LaMountain:

I submit this letter for the record to formally express the Office of Veterans Services' strong support for Senate Bill 2341, scheduled for hearing on February 26, 2026.

As the State Director of Rhode Island's Office of Veterans Services, I am honored to represent approximately 60,000 Veterans, service members, and military families across our state. Ensuring their full and equal participation in our democratic process is not optional - it is a fundamental obligation. S2341 plays a critical role in meeting that obligation.

Originally enacted in 2022, the electronic ballot access provided under current law has proven to be a safe and secure essential for eligible disabled voters, active-duty members of the Uniformed Services (Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Space Force, and Coast Guard), members of the Merchant Marine, eligible family members, and U.S. citizens living abroad. For many of these voters, traditional in-person or mail voting is not feasible because of physical disability, deployment conditions, and geographic distance. Without continued electronic ballot access, these Rhode Islanders would face unnecessary and unacceptable barriers to exercising their right to vote.

Electronic voting access granted under the original 2022 legislation expired on December 31, 2025. S2341 renews a continuity of access and reaffirms Rhode Island's commitment to disabled voters and those who serve our nation - often at great personal sacrifice. Passage of this legislation is a clear statement that Rhode Island values inclusion, accessibility, and the voices of its Veterans and military community.

Thank you for your time, your ongoing partnership, and your unwavering support of Rhode Island's Veterans and military families. I respectfully ask for your vote in support of S2341.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "K. J. Yarn", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Kasim J. Yarn  
Director of Veterans Services

CC: The Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary  
Kristen Silvia, Deputy Chief of Staff/Director of Legislation