

In-Support of S3143

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RE: In Support for Senate Bill 3143

Dear Chair LaMountain and Members of the Senate Committee on Judiciary,

My name is Amy Yozura and I am writing to respectfully submit testimony in strong support of Senate Bill S3143, The Rhode Island Voting Rights Act (RIVRA)

With the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965 under attack on multiple fronts, it is imperative that we codify voting rights for Rhode Islanders. The RIVRA will protect against voter dilution, voter suppression and voter discrimination, all areas that I feel very strongly that we should have protections against.

As a married woman in RI, I am concerned about proposed Federal legislation that could become a barrier for women (and others) who changed their last name, to vote. This would affect not only my community, but potentially all married women in RI. Voting must remain accessible to all who are eligible, and this is exactly what the RIVRA will do, preserve accessibility!

I urge you to pass a favorable report on Senate Bill 3143. Additionally, *I support the proposed amendments to the RIVRA outlined in the written testimony of the Campaign Legal Center*, so that this legislation more closely aligns to the Federal Voting Rights Act, and the clarity and strength of the RIVRA is increased. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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