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Testimony Re: **26 Senate 3143** - An Act Relating to Elections – Rhode Island Voting Rights Act

Position: **For**

My name is Annette Bourbonniere, and I live in Newport, RI.

I live with disability, and I advocate for disability rights and inclusion, along with inclusion of all other minorities.

I am writing to express my strong support of this Rhode Island Voting Rights Act, because it will protect voting rights for all Rhode Islanders, clearly supporting minority rights for all groups, including those of us who live with disability, and impose penalties for those interfering in elections. Federal protections have been eroded significantly since the original federal legislation in 1965. The current federal administration clearly intends to further limit voting, especially for minorities. This is not a partisan issue, this is an American issue. Please act to protect my rights and the rights of my neighbors and uphold the Constitution.

Thank you to those who submitted this important legislation and I thank these committee members for your thoughtful consideration of this Act.

Submitted by,

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