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**FW: I support # S3143 RI Voting Rights Act**

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Dear Committee Chair LaMountain and Committee Members,

I am a Rhode Island resident who is writing to express my strong support of the RI Voting Rights Act (S3143)/H-8334. This bill will protect voting rights for all Rhode Islanders, clearly support minority rights for all groups and impose penalties for those interfering in elections.

Federal protections have been eroded significantly since the original federal legislation in 1965. The current administration clearly intends to further limit voting.

Your passage of the RIVRA will protect democracy at its most basic level as was intended by the framers of the Constitution. This is a right that should be enjoyed by every citizen, regardless of religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, age, country of ancestral origin, language, or change in marital status.

**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,

Beverly Haviland

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