

**FW: In Support of the RI Voting Rights Act (S3143)**

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Dear Chair LaMountain and Honorable Committee Members,

My name is Erin Puranananda, and I am reaching out to voice my wholehearted support for the Rhode Island Voting Rights Act (S3143). This important legislation would safeguard the voting rights of every Rhode Islander, strengthen protections for minority groups, and establish clear consequences for anyone who interferes with the electoral process.

Since the passage of the original federal Voting Rights Act in 1965, protections at the federal level have been steadily weakened — and the current administration appears committed to restricting access to the ballot even further. This is not a matter of party politics; it is a fundamental American value that every eligible citizen's vote be protected.

I urge you to take action to defend the rights of myself, my neighbors, and all Rhode Islanders, and to uphold the principles enshrined in our Constitution.

With appreciation for your service,

Erin Puranananda

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