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Dear Committee Chair LaMountain and Committee Members,

I am Linda Doberstein, and I am writing to express my strong support of the RI Voting Rights Act (S3143). I am a naturalized American citizen and I truly value my right and responsibility when it comes to voting. It is absolutely critical in a true democracy to have all eligible citizens vote and we need to protect those citizens that are marginalized and may have a harder time getting their voices heard. 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. 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,  
*Linda Doberstein, MD*  
*Tiverton, RI*