

Dear Senator LaMountain and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

My name is Michelle Steever, I am a resident of Cranston and I am writing to you today as a proud Rhode Island resident to express my strong support for the Rhode Island Voting Rights Act (S-3143).

Voting is the foundation of our democracy, yet federal protections have been significantly weakened over the last decade. It is vital that Rhode Island steps up to protect its citizens by:

- Prohibiting voter suppression and racial vote dilution.
- Strengthening protections against voter intimidation and obstruction.
- Ensuring language access for voters with limited English proficiency.

I respectfully ask the Senate Judiciary Committee to recommend passage of this bill and urge the full Senate to pass the RIVRA during this session. Thank you for your time and for your work in protecting the rights of all Rhode Islanders.

Sincerely,

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