

Testimony Supporting: S3143

To the Honorable Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

My name is Nicole Tingle. I am a resident of Providence, RI. I am the Secretary of RICBW. I am a registered Rhode Island voter. I am in support of S3143.

S3143 (the Rhode Island Voter Rights Act) will protect the right to vote for Rhode Islanders regardless of race, color, disability, gender, or marital status. Voting is a fundamental component of our democracy and we are in a time where that right is being challenged across our nation.

Since the landmark passing of the Voter Rights Act of 1965, there have been ongoing attempts to weaken the ruling through voter suppression tactics to restrict access for eligible voters across the country to exercise their right to vote. We are living in a time where those attempts are heightened and Rhode Island needs to continue to take steps to protect our voter rights.

Passing S3143 is an urgent action that needs to be taken to ensure that our voices are heard on matters that affect the everyday lives of Rhode Island residents.

I urge members of the Senate Judiciary committee to support S3143. Our democracy depends on it.

Nicole Tingle