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Rhode Island State House

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Via email to: Chair of the Committee, Sen. LaMountain: sen-lamountain@rilegislature.gov and the clerk at Email: slegislation@rilegislature.gov

Dear Committee Chair LaMountain and Committee Members,

I am Dr. Perri Leviss and I am writing to express my very strong support of the RI Voting Rights Act (S3143). I am a 20+ year resident of Barrington, Rhode Island and a political science professor at Rhode Island College.

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. The work that I do teaching college students about civil rights is important, but more critical is the actions that the RI Legislature can take to protect the constitutional right to vote, which is what the S3143 will do. Please act to protect my rights and the rights of my neighbors and uphold the Constitution.

Thank you,

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