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Dear House Judiciary Committee Members:

I am writing on behalf of the board of Pride in Aging RI to let you know that we strongly support House Bill H 8155 for the following reasons:

Having identity documents that accurately reflect who you are-including your name-is important for day-to-day things like cashing a check or applying for a job. For transgender people, a legal name change can be essential to living fully as themselves.

Rhode Island has long had a process for an individual to legally change their name. Yet for many transgender people, as well as for people leaving a marriage, or survivors of domestic violence, barriers remain that make the process inaccessible and even a risk to their safety.

H 8155 removes these barriers and makes legal name changes more accessible and safer for those who need them.

We ask you to please pass this important piece of legislation.

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