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Gregg M. Amore, Secretary of State

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The Honorable Robert E. Craven, Chair
House Committee on Judiciary

RE: In support of H6122 – An Act Relating to State Affairs and Government – Civil Rights of People with Disabilities

Dear Chair Craven,

I write this letter in support of House Bill 6122, legislation that will protect Rhode Islanders with disabilities should a federal judicial or executive branch action repeal or nullify Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 or any of the current regulations created under this Act.

As Secretary of State, one of my top priorities has been to prioritize civic engagement and participation through all communities in this state. It is imperative that voters have equal access to the ballot, and individuals with disabilities should be guaranteed this access by having all the resources they need to vote in a dignified and safe manner.

Regardless of the actions of the federal government to dismantle our voting infrastructure and disenfranchise voters with disabilities, it will be the policy of the Department of State under this administration to make sure that they have proper access to cast a ballot. The proposed legislation will be crucial in ensuring that this policy is implemented consistently throughout future administrations.

Therefore, I urge this committee to support House Bill 6122, as this legislation will preserve the protections and rights of Rhode Islanders with disabilities.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Michelle Arias, Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, at marias@sos.ri.gov.

Sincerely,

Gregg M. Amore
Secretary of State

cc: The Honorable Members of the House Committee on Judiciary
The Honorable Joseph M. McNamara