



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
**OFFICE OF GOVERNOR DANIEL J. MCKEE**

March 23, 2022

The Honorable Evan P. Shanley  
Chairman, House Committee on State Government and Elections  
House Lounge, Rhode Island State House  
Providence, RI 02903

**RE: 2022-H 7100 – Let RI Vote Act**

Dear Chairman Shanley:

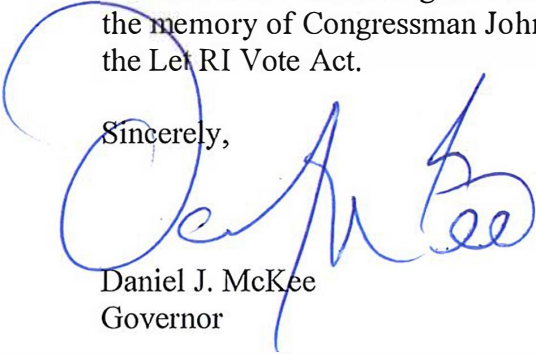
I write to offer my strong support of House Bill 7100, An Act Relating to Elections—Secretary of State—Let RI Vote Act. Over the past year in particular, our Democracy has been tested. We must do everything we can to protect it, starting with election access state by state.

H 7100 is a common sense, comprehensive list of effective tools to protect one of the United States' most crucial civil rights: voting rights. COVID-19, January 6<sup>th</sup>, and unfair voter treatment throughout the nation have exacerbated the need for election reform.

Let RI Vote would codify mail ballot drop box requirements, allow voting by mail without needing an excuse, and remove the witness/notary requirement for mail ballots, which measures were implemented successfully under prior executive orders during the pandemic. Further, Let RI Vote includes reducing the application deadline for those voters who need Braille ballots and creates the State's first-ever multilingual voter information hotline, assisting targeted populations to participate in their civic duty.

As our partners in Congress continue to fight to pass legislation federally, we must also do our part here in Rhode Island. I again encourage the passage of H 7100 in the name of Democracy and in the memory of Congressman John R. Lewis. Let us stand on the right side of history by passing the Let RI Vote Act.

Sincerely,



Daniel J. McKee  
Governor

CC: The Honorable Members of the House Committee on State Government and Elections  
The Honorable Katherine Kazarian  
Nicole McCarty, Esq.

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