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Hello,

I'm instructing you to withdraw this statute. Under the RI constitution the legislature is required to pass statutes "for the prevention of abuse, corruption and fraud in voting", and certainly not ones that are antithetical to that purpose. If an application for a mail in ballot does not even include a voters signature, then how is the clerk supposed to verify the voter? - It's an obvious problem right?

If said voter cannot sign his/her own name, then how did he/she register to vote? - a signature is required for a RI ID or passport right?

Also, if said voter cannot sign his/her own name, then how can it be expected for him/her to complete the actual ballot and mail it back to the state?

Here's a counter proposal - these individuals should be able to request a free ride from the state to their local voting center to cast an in-person vote. An election clerk could then confirm the identity and assist the voter.

But this idea is ripe with fraud (and it appears to be intentionally written for that purpose). Now if legislators are purposefully trying to tear down the guard rails of election integrity, there's a word for that, non-feasance, which is a usurpation of authority and treasonous to the republic.

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