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Hello,

The Rhode Island constitution requires the general assembly to pass that "for the prevention of abuse, corruption and fraud in voting;", drop boxes are antithetical to that and are susceptible to fraud. This has been clearly exposed by the movie 2k mules and the work done by the True the Vote organization. The people demand secure elections, ones where their votes count and are not offset/deleted by criminals who rig elections. This is true for both Democrats and Republicans. Everyone wants fair elections.

The house representatives should ask themselves how this statutes helps in the cause "for the prevention of abuse, corruption and fraud in voting;". Clearly it doesn't, so for the folks voting in favor of this, are you violating your oath to the RI constitution?

We need to be going in the other direction and remove these drop boxes. I suppose I would be ok if there was one drop box per city outside of city hall, and that drop box was guarded by a police officer who monitored everything going into it, and there were cameras that were publicly accessible so "the people" could monitor them 24 hours per day. But even then I'd be hesitant.

It makes me wonder. Is there an intentional effort to remove the guardrails of election integrity in the state of Rhode Island? Sure seems that way.

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