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The Honorable Members of the House State Government & Elections Committee  
82 Smith St.  
Providence, RI 02903

**Re: Support of House Bill 5514**

Dear Chairman Shanley and Members of the House State Government & Elections Committee,

As the Election Administrator for the City of Newport and on behalf of Chairwoman Sharon Connors and the Newport Canvassing Authority, I am writing to encourage you to **support** passage of House Bill 5514. This bill would help cut down on administrative costs by removing the printed words "Mail Ballot" from ballots used for in person early voting. This would allow us to reallocate extra early voting ballots for use on election day itself and reduce the number of pre-printed ballots the state needs to produce and track. Savings from this change could be reallocated to other much needed areas of election administration.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this cost-saving legislation.

Respectfully submitted,

Hugh Moren  
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