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Subject: Written Testimony in Support of H.R. 6125

Dear Members of the House State Government and Elections Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for House Resolution 6125, a resolution affirming solidarity with and support for Rhode Island's LGBTQIA+ community. I urge the committee to advance this resolution and send a clear message that equality, dignity, and respect for all individuals are core values in our state.

At its heart, this resolution recognizes the fundamental human rights of LGBTQIA+ individuals—the right to live openly, love freely, and pursue happiness without fear of discrimination or violence. LGBTQIA+ people, particularly trans women of color, face disproportionate disparities in health care, housing, and safety. By passing this resolution, Rhode Island reaffirms its commitment to inclusion and justice for all.

We have seen, at the national level, concerted efforts to erode the rights of LGBTQIA+ individuals, including policies restricting health care access, military service, and educational inclusion. Now more than ever, it is crucial that our state take a stand in support of equality. This resolution is a meaningful step in showing that Rhode Island values all its residents and seeks to protect them from harm and discrimination.

I respectfully urge the committee to pass H.R. 6125 and demonstrate that Rhode Island is a place where all people—regardless of gender identity or sexual orientation—are supported, valued, and free to be themselves.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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