



**TWP Testimony in support of H 6125,
House Resolution in SUPPORT of the LGBTQIA+ Community**

April 3, 2025

Dear Speaker Shekarchi, members of the RI House of Representatives,

I offer my support and that of our organization for the passage of H-6125, a resolution in support of the LGBTQIA+ community. The RI House has had a long tradition of supporting the LGBTQIA+ community in RI, most notably in the legalization of same-sex marriage in 2014. However, agents of groups seeking to undermine minority rights, and very specifically the rights of the LGBTQIA+ community have always been active in RI.

Emboldened by the anti-minority rhetoric endorsed by national political parties, these agents engage in ongoing attacks on the most marginalized of the LGBTQIA+ community, trans Rhode Islanders. They make extraordinary claims around gender and sex, appeal to the most base instincts and seek to impose their notions of reality on the whole of RI. Some of the worst attacks take place in RI school committees, where these agents, funded by outside organizations, foment discord, spread rumor and lies, deny the very existence of broad swathes of the LGBTQIA+ community and then leave to let the communities try to repair the damage.

With the passage of this resolution, the RI House can send a clear and unequivocal messages. To those agents working to harm our LGBTQIA+ community: "Not here. Not Now. Not Ever." And to the cherished members of that community, "We see you, we respect you and we will defend you". Thank you for your continued support of all our minority communities.

Sincerely,
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