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To: House State Government and Elections Committee
Subject: SUPPORT HR 6125

Dear Honorable Members of the House Committee on State Government & Elections:

I urge you to support HR 6125, A resolution proclaiming the RI House of Representatives' solidarity with and support for RI's LGBTQIA+ community.

- Equality for LGBTQIA+ people is really about basic human values and needs: the ability of everyday Americans to pursue health and happiness, earn a living, be safe in their communities, serve their country, and take care of the ones they love.
- "Markets have lost **\$4 trillion** since Trump took office, yet he has signed five executive orders specifically targeting transgender people's identities, health care, education, and transgender people serving in the military, as well as three more orders targeting diversity, equity, and inclusion, with threats to defund educational institutions and nonprofit organizations," said GLAAD March 20.
- In Rhode Island and elsewhere, LGBTQIA+ people, people of color, and particularly trans women of color, face greater disparities in the areas of health, housing, and criminal justice and are many times more likely to be the victims of fatal violence.
- Rep. Kislak's legislation simply states that everyone "has the right to love freely and live their lives openly as who they are" and the RI House of Representatives "proclaims its solidarity with and expresses its support for Rhode Island's LGBTQIA+ community."

Please support HR 6125.

Thank you.

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