

Rhode Island Hearing: H 6099



Supporting Testimony by Linda Szykowitz – April 12, 2021

Chairman, Ranking Members and Members of the House State Government & Elections Commission, thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak on proposed House Bill # 6099 and express my firm support of the bill introduced by Representatives Morgan, Nardone and Roberts. H 6099 Tightens up the requirements for registering to vote and applying for a mail in ballot and clearly distinguishes a Foreign National driver's license from a US Citizen's in regards to voting privileges. Kudos to putting election integrity in the forefront and respecting the rights of all Rhode Island voters.

As the Founder and CEO of Fight Voter Fraud Inc, a 501 (c) 4 nonprofit organization based in the State of Connecticut, we firmly believe in "One vote for one legal voter. ©". In the State of Connecticut, this is not happening. Our Secretary of the State, Denise Merrill has put too much emphasis on easy accessibility and very little security on voting - making it easy to cheat and diminishes the integrity of the voting process.

Our database maintained by Secretary of the State Denise Merrill is obsolete with hundreds of thousands of registered voters that passed away, moved or never existed (Ghost voters). We, in Connecticut, are the poster child of what not to do in regards to voter integrity. H 6099 here in Rhode Island clearly shows that you at the legislature want to have fair elections and ensure election integrity by verifying each and every registered voter is legally able to vote.

In Connecticut, we need to clean & maintain the voters rolls of people that no longer live in the State of CT, of those that have passed away and remove the 200,000+ inactive voters. We need to clean the voter rolls, so we know exactly who is eligible to vote in our elections.

Hopefully, Rhode Island will also make this a priority. Making sure those that are registered to vote, actually still qualify to vote in the State of Rhode Island. Check and make sure that those that have passed away are removed from the voter rolls since this is election fraud fodder to those with nefarious intentions. Maintain and cross check the Department of Motor Vehicles to make sure anyone that moves complies with the Federal law - 1993 NVRA (National Motor Vehicle Act) which requires anyone changing their address at the Department of Motor Vehicle to have it changed on the voter registration within 10 days and make the best effort to ensure only qualified US citizens are allowed to registered to vote.

The use of mail in ballots should continue to have restrictions and not be abused. Drop boxes for mail in ballots need to be monitored with cameras and other security means. Unlike here in the State of Connecticut where we have photos of mail in ballots sticking out of the drop boxes where anyone could take the ballots. The need for security is to ensure that no one tampers with or tries to destroy ballots that have been properly deposited in the drop boxes.

I especially like the wording in Bill 6099 section 17-9.1 "All registering voters shall produce, as proof of identification, a valid driver's license, state identification card with photograph, or a United States passport." I truly wish Connecticut would mirror what you here in Rhode Island have proposed. In Connecticut, you can still vote without producing any voter ID and in New Haven, CT they are allowed to accept the postcards sent by the City of New Haven to voters that simply state which polling precinct they should vote at. Again, no security to make sure of the election integrity.

Voter fraud is very real. Our organization, Fight Voter Fraud, has uncovered duplicate voters in CT voting with two different voter ID numbers – yet same person. Underaged voters voting and felons registering from prison and voting absentee ballot and this is just scratching the surface.

In conclusion, H 6099 clearly shows the intent to have every legal voter be able to vote with confidence in the voting process. I urge all the legislatures to vote in favor of H 6099.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak and I would be happy to answer any questions you have.

Respectfully,
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Fight Voter Fraud, Inc. is a non-profit 501c(4), non-partisan organization dedicated to fighting for Election Integrity in Connecticut. Using analytical tools, investigative strategies, grassroots activism and, litigation, to strengthen our election systems and to root out voter fraud wherever it is uncovered. We believe in "One vote for one legal voter"©. To learn more about our organization please visit www.fightvoterfraud.org to report voter fraud, volunteer, get updates and to donate to our mission.

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