



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
Department of State | Elections Division
Nellie M. Gorbea, *Secretary of State*

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To Whom It May Concern,

I have made the modernization of Rhode Island elections a top priority since becoming Rhode Island's Secretary of State in January of 2015. Developing a new voter registration system was an important part of that modernization effort as Rhode Island was using a system that was 14 years old and needed to be replaced. After receiving and reviewing four proposals for a new system, the State awarded the bid to Stonewall Solutions, Inc. in May of 2019.

Over the course of seven months, Stonewall worked with my Elections team, the Board of Elections, and a group of local election officials to design, develop, and implement the customized system. While the system is still in its infancy, it has been widely accepted by users as an easy-to-use voter registration solution for multiple elections administrative processes. Because our office owns the system's source code, we are able to make modifications ourselves without the reliance on third-party vendors.

Stonewall has made it easier for Rhode Islanders to get access to their government by improving other applications in my office as well. They redesigned our *Open Meetings* tool and are currently working on our Lobby Tracker and Rules and Regulations applications.

Stonewall's voter registration system and team of professional staff helped ensure a smooth statewide transition. Stonewall has gone above and beyond to ensure the system is a success in Rhode Island. We are grateful for their partnership to help us improve access to the ballot box while securing the integrity of Rhode Island's elections. I offer my strongest recommendation for Stonewall's voter registration system solution as you embark on your modernization.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me or my Elections Director, Rob Rock at 401.222.2340 or by email at rrock@sos.ri.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nellie M. Gorbea".

Nellie M. Gorbea
Secretary of State
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