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The Honorable Gregg M. Amore
Secretary of State
State House – Room 218
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Secretary Amore:

Yesterday, at the State House I attended a forum on the RI Constitutional Convention hosted by the League of Women Voters of RI. As an elected delegate to the 1986 RI Constitutional Convention, I was interested to hear different viewpoints and learn about pending constitutional requirements.

As per the RI Constitution, Article XIV: Constitutional Amendments & Revisions, Section 2 Constitutional conventions – it says in part pertaining to a convening question:

- *"If the question be not submitted to the people some time during any period of ten years, the secretary of state shall submit it at the next general election following said period." (the last question was in 2012 – therefore the ballot question is anticipated in 2024)*

Additionally, Section 2 states:

- *"Prior to a vote by the qualified electors on the holding of a convention, the general assembly, or the governor, if the general assembly fails to act, shall provide for a bi-partisan preparatory commission to assemble information on constitutional questions for the electors."*

Could you please advise me whether the General Assembly or the Governor have acted on appointing a bi-partisan preparatory commission as required by the RI Constitution? If no action has been taken, might your office make an inquiry regarding the status of this constitutionally required public body since the voters are anticipating the Convention question in November? Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vincent Marzullo".

Vincent Marzullo

xc: Attorney General Peter F. Neronha
Senate President Dominick J. Ruggerio
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