

FACTS ABOUT ACLU MEMBERSHIP

Since 1959, the ACLU of RI has worked to protect the civil liberties of all Rhode Islanders via litigation, lobbying and public education. We've handled more than 600 court cases, lobbied at the State House on virtually every bill that would impact civil liberties, and held education and outreach events for the public.

- 1. You belong to the ACLU of RI and the National ACLU.** The ACLU of Rhode Island is the state Affiliate of the American Civil Liberties Union. Your membership dues support both local and national civil liberties programs. ACLU of RI and the National ACLU are 501(c)(4) agencies and membership dues are not tax-deductible.
- 2. \$1 of your dues covers subscriptions to the National ACLU and the ACLU of RI newsletters.** You will also receive information throughout the year about special ACLU events and activities relating to our lobbying efforts that are funded through your membership dues.
- 3. Your membership year begins on the date your membership dues were processed.** Shortly before the expiration date, you are sent the first renewal notice for the coming year by National ACLU. If you respond to the first notice, 99% of your renewal goes for civil liberties work.
- 4. We do not sell your name to other organizations.** However, the National ACLU sends members emails from other organizations in exchange for them doing the same. However, we guard the anonymity of our membership very carefully, and other organizations never see your name. If you would like to opt out of these email exchanges, you can call or email us, and we will inform the National office.
- 5. The ACLU Foundation of RI is a separate non-partisan 501(c)(3) non-profit that allows us to raise money to help cover our litigation program, public outreach program, and the staff necessary to move our work forward.** Donations to the Foundation are tax-deductible. Any Foundation donations you make are **separate** from membership dues.
- 6. We host multiple special events throughout the year, both in-person and remotely.** They may include such activities as a Legislative Wrap-Up, Supreme Court Wrap-Up and Preview, Banned Books events, and our Annual Meeting. We would love to see you at these events!
- 7. If you receive duplicate National ACLU and ACLU of RI materials,** or move to a different address, please give us a call or email us so we can correct your information.
- 8. If you have questions, or would like more information, please contact us at info@riaclu.org.** You can also **follow our work on social media.** Find us on Facebook (@riaclu), Twitter (@riaclu) and Instagram (@riaclu).