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**PRIMARY CARE**

**I am writing to express my strong support for bill H 7902**

My name is Noah Benedict. I am the President and CEO of Rhode Island Primary Care Physicians Corporation (RIPCPC), the largest Independent Practice Association (IPA) in Rhode Island. Representing 168 primary care providers, RIPCPC manages the care of over 200,000 lives and stands at the forefront of healthcare delivery in the region.

I'm writing to express my wholehearted support for House Bill H 7902, also known as the "Primary Care Training Sites Program." Leading a Rhode Island primary care organization, I recognize the critical need for bolstering our primary care healthcare infrastructure to ensure the well-being of our communities.

The findings outlined in the bill highlight the urgent nature of the primary care healthcare crisis in our state. From the shortage of healthcare providers to the challenges of recruiting and retaining professionals, it is evident that action must be taken to address these pressing issues.

The formation of the Primary Care Training Sites Program represents a proactive approach to tackling the primary care shortage. By creating enhanced interdisciplinary clinical training sites, this program not only provides valuable educational opportunities for aspiring healthcare professionals but also strengthens our primary care delivery system.

The emphasis on achieving and maintaining NCQA PCMH distinction ensures that training sites adhere to rigorous standards of quality and patient-centered care. Integrated behavioral health services further underscore the comprehensive approach to healthcare delivery envisioned by this program.

Furthermore, including a curriculum tailored to physicians, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants ensures that trainees receive a well-rounded education that prepares them to meet the diverse needs of our community. By investing in the training of healthcare professionals, we are laying the foundation for a healthier and more resilient Rhode Island.

The appropriations outlined in the bill demonstrate a commitment to providing the necessary resources to support the Primary Care Training Sites Program. This investment is not only in the future of healthcare but also in the health and well-being of all Rhode Islanders.

I urge you to support House Bill H 7902. By expanding access to high-quality primary care education and training, we can begin to strengthen Rhode Island's deteriorating primary care base.

Sincerely,



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