



May 15, 2024

Honorable Marvin Abney  
Chairman, House Finance Committee  
State House  
Providence, RI 02903

RE: H.8210, An Act Relating to Health and Safety – Licensing of Healthcare Facilities

Dear Chairman Abney and Committee Members,

The undersigned members of the Rhode Island Business Coalition would like to express our concerns related to H.8210, An Act Relating to Health and Safety – Licensing of Healthcare Facilities.

The taxation of hospitals, as well as license fees assessed on hospitals, are part of the overall pending healthcare crisis facing our State. The cost of health insurance in the private market, the increasing budget burden related to Medicaid funding demands, and the difficulties finding health care workers all add up to a tenuous climate facing our employers and citizens.

Addressing each segment of the health care system in a silo has led us to where we are today. We strongly urge the Senate to create one committee that can peel back the layers of this entire complicated system and recommend a holistic solution to the health care crisis facing us today. To simply add costs or shift costs without understanding the potential ramification to the other parts of the system is not helpful long-term.

For these reasons, we ask you to hold this bill for further study. Thank you for your consideration of our concerns.

Sincerely,

Associated Builders and Contractors, Rhode Island

Greater Newport Chamber of Commerce

Rhode Island Beverage Association

Rhode Island Business Group on Health

Rhode Island Manufacturers Association

Rhode Island Mortgage Bankers Association

**Rhode Island Small Business Economic Summit Regulations Committee**  
**Rhode Island Small Business Economic Summit Tax and Budget Committee**  
**Rhode Island Society of Certified Public Accountants**  
**Rhode Island Staffing Association**  
**Sustainable Benefits Strategies, LLC**

The Rhode Island Business Coalition represents 50 industries and 6,280 businesses that employ 231,200 people throughout Rhode Island.