

February 26th, 2025

To: The Honorable Marvin L. Abney
Chair, House Finance Committee

RE: Support for FY26 Economic Development Article, Innovation Initiatives

Dear Chairman Abney and Members of the House Committee on Finance,

Regarding **Budget Article 6: Economic Development, Innovation Initiatives Act**, I am writing in support of the sunset extension of the Innovation Initiatives Act under FY26 Economic Development Article and request that the Committee consider allocating funding for this line item.

Native Orthopaedics is a start-up medical device manufacturer that is a recipient of the Innovation Voucher in 2025. Without this support, we would not be able to launch our medical device across the country this year. Native is on track to bring millions of dollars of revenue in, and we are headquartered here in Providence.

In conclusion, I urge the Committee to support the sunset extension of the Innovation Initiatives and consider allocating funding to the Innovation programs for next fiscal year.

Respectfully,

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