

March 27, 2025

The Honorable Susan R. Donovan
Chair, House Committee on Health and Human Services
Via: HouseHealthandHumanServices@rilegislature.gov

Re: H6036 - An Act Relating to Health and Safety -- The Rhode Island Clinician Wellness and Support Act

Dear Chairwoman Donovan and Members of the House Health and Human Services Committee:

The Rhode Island Health Center Association supports House Bill 6036 and the establishment of the Nurse Practitioner Health Program.

This bill recognizes the need for nurse practitioners to have the same access to confidential resources that support their physical and mental well-being that physicians, physician assistants, dentists, and podiatrists currently have.

We fully support the codification of both the Physician Health Program and the Nurse Practitioner Health Program in the RI General Laws.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

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