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Dear members of the House Health and Human Services committee,

Thank you for your service. I wish to call your attention to House Bill 6036 which will not cost the state a dime. This bill has been passed in Virginia and Texas and being enacted in many other states to protect your constituents as patients. People in healthcare suffering from mental illness can seek help without being reported to the board of Licensure as long as they sign a contract to be evaluated for their ability to provide service to patients. If they are found to be impaired in any way by contract they must complete a treatment and be found to be capable to treat patients. This bill also hold institutions harmless. The Rhode Island Medical Society has health program for their Physicians and dentists and Physicians assistance operating for over a quarter of a century. This would codify this service. It is paid for by the medical and dental societies. This bill would also cover nurse practitioners as nurse practitioners are going to be serviced by the physician's health program of the Rhode Island Medical society. Reproduced research has shown that Physicians in recovery have a 15% lower malpractice rate.

Again thank you for your service and thank you for your consideration.

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