



The Honorable Susan Donovan

Chairwoman, House Committee on Health and Human Services

Rhode Island State House

82 Smith Street

Providence, RI 02903

RE: Support for H6109 – Expanding Long-Term Care Options for Rhode Island Seniors

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

On behalf of LeadingAge Rhode Island, I write to express our strong support for H6109, legislation that would create more opportunities and choices for older Rhode Islanders by expanding access to Continuing Care at Home (CC@H) programs. This legislation provides a prudent and forward-thinking solution to the growing demand for high-quality long-term care options while keeping Rhode Island competitive with Massachusetts and Connecticut.

H6109 represents an important step in broadening the spectrum of long-term care services available to Rhode Island's aging population. Continuing Care at Home programs provide a proven alternative to traditional facility-based care by allowing older adults to age in place while maintaining access to a full continuum of long-term care services. This model has been successfully operating in Massachusetts and Connecticut for more than 20 years, offering seniors greater control over their care and financial planning.

By passing H6109, Rhode Island seniors will have access to more choices in how and where they receive care, ensuring they can remain in their homes as long as possible while still receiving high-quality support when needed.

Neighboring states already provide their older residents with this valuable option, positioning Massachusetts and Connecticut as leaders in innovative senior care solutions. Without similar legislation, Rhode Island risks falling behind, limiting seniors' choices and placing greater strain on facility-based care settings.



Enabling the growth of CC@H programs will ensure that Rhode Island remains competitive in offering modern, flexible long-term care options that meet the needs of today's aging population.

H6109 has been carefully crafted within Rhode Island's existing statutory framework, ensuring that CC@H programs operate with appropriate oversight and consumer protections while remaining a sustainable and viable care option for seniors.

Rather than reinventing the wheel, this bill aligns with the regulatory models of Massachusetts and Connecticut, where CC@H programs are not classified as insurance but operate under a statutory structure that provides transparency and accountability. This ensures responsible expansion of care options without unnecessary regulatory burdens.

We urge the committee to support H6109, recognizing the importance of expanding long-term care choices for Rhode Island's aging population. By passing this legislation, the state will enhance access to quality care, maintain competitiveness with our neighbors, and provide seniors with the ability to age in place with dignity and peace of mind.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to working with you to advance this critical legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Francis X. McMahon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Francis X. McMahon, Esq.

LeadingAge Rhode Island