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To: House Health and Human Services Committee
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Dear Chair Donovan and Committee Members,

I am writing in support of House Bill 5857, the Reproductive Freedom and Gender Affirming Care Health Data Privacy Act. This bill is an important step to protect sensitive consumer health data related to reproductive and gender-affirming health care. This is urgently needed following the overturning of Roe.

We've seen attacks nationally on freedom to access health care for women in need of reproductive care as well as for people accessing gender affirming care. Mandating protections against outside interference for Rhode Islanders accessing such care is important if we are to maintain the ability to access such services without discrimination, and typically the sets of people accessing these forms of care are among our most vulnerable citizens.

Thank you for your support to this important and timely bill.

Sincerely,
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