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Dear Chairman Craven and Judiciary Committee,

Rhode Island's chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians strongly supports HB 7169. This bill mirrors others in many states that allows physicians and hospitals to say "I'm sorry" to a patient without the fear that this apology may be held against them in civil proceedings.

Besides the genuine human decency that this bill allows for, it also benefits patients who, in times of unexpected outcomes, are looking for an honest explanation of their care.

Sincerely,



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