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Dear Chairperson Craven:

I am a first year medical student at the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University, where I am also a part of Spectrum, the queer medical student alliance. I am writing to voice my strong support for H7577, the Health Care Provider Shield Bill.

This legislation is crucial for Rhode Island's ability to protect healthcare providers, patients and access to essential care. The bill safeguards established, best-practice medical care that is legal in Rhode Island and ensures our local providers and health care infrastructure aren't negatively impacted by hostile laws in other states.

More than 20 states have enacted bans on essential, established medical care, which exert extraordinary control over people's lives and even impose civil and criminal penalties on providers for practicing medicine in line with the professional standards of care. These bans have the potential to cross state lines and impact providers here. This legislation will protect providers, their patients, and ensure the viability of the health delivery system. In fact, as a future physician, this legislation would make me feel safer, more comfortable, and more likely to stay and train in Rhode Island for the rest of my career.

I am grateful for the support the legislature has shown the provider community in the past and respectfully request your continued support through the passage of this vital legislation. Please contact me at my email (attached below) if I can provide any additional information or if you have any questions.

Thank you,
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