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Chairperson Robert Craven
House Judiciary Committee
Rhode Island House of Representatives
Rhode Island State House
82 Smith Street
Providence, RI 02903

March 5, 2024

Dear Chairperson Craven:

I am writing in strong support of H7577, the Health Care Provider Shield Bill. I am a proud resident of East Greenwich and the spouse of a provider, and I stand with our health care providers and their patients in support of this important legislation.

As I'm sure you're aware, 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.** We cannot allow this to happen - their right to practice safe, effective medicine must be preserved. The bill protects established, best-practice medical care that is legal in Rhode Island and should remain that way. We owe it to the residents of Rhode Island *and* their providers to ensure that our health care infrastructure isn't negatively impacted by hostile laws in other states.

The protection H7577 will provide Rhode Island's providers and patients will ensure the viability of our state's health delivery system. I appreciate the support the legislature has shown the provider community in the past and respectfully request your continued support through passage of this vital legislation. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Douglas Alexander
East Greenwich, RI

