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## **Testimony from Jocelyn Foye, executive director of The Womxn Project, in support of the Provider Protection Shield Bill (H7577)**

The Womxn Project is a 501c4 that works to protect bodily autonomy in the state of Rhode Island. We believe the values of bodily autonomy extend to both reproductive and trans justice, and we stand behind a movement based on creating a culture that embraces human dignity and trusts people to make their own decisions about their own body.

I stand in favor of the Provider Protection Shield Bill, which will protect legal, standard-of-care transgender and reproductive medical care for patients and providers in Rhode Island.

As states across the country ban essential medical care for transgender people and some or all abortion care, I urge Rhode Island to embrace its rebellious roots and stand opposed to states taking extraordinary control over the lives of the people living within their borders. Medical providers should not be penalized for doing their job and people should not be prevented from exerting control over their own bodies.

These decisions should not rest with politicians in their high towers, and I urge Rhode Island to protect the people living within its borders by ensuring physicians are free to provide the most appropriate care for their patients.

Sincerely,  
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