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I write in support of House bill # 7577, The Health Care Provider Shield Act, passage of which is critical in this time.

Access to reproductive health and medical care for transgendered people are legal here in Rhode Island, but that is not necessarily true on other states. ith that in mind, we must protect our health care providers from abusive and criminal litigation from other states where these rights are not secure. And we also must protect Rhode Islanders from having their protected health care information given to law enforcement agencies in other states where such care is banned. Likewise we need to ensure that our state's resources are not used to advance hostile litigation from states where this health care is banned. Also of importance we must protect our our health care professionals from surveillance that could negatively affect their capacity to provide the legally -protected health care that is available here.

With the state of reproductive health care, transgender rights and most likely, contraception hanging by a thread, we must make clear that we will protect our medical providers by passing this act.

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