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Hon. Robert E. Craven, Chairperson, House Committee on the Judiciary
et al. Sitting Committee Members, Rhode Island General Assembly

Amnesty International USA Local Group 1016
ITEM: H7577
POSITION: SUPPORT

To The Chair & Esteemed Members of the House Committee on the Judiciary,

Thank you for considering House Bill 7577, which seeks to protect the brave healthcare providers in our state's system who may extend their talents and services to visitors from states which have prohibited healthcare that we in Rhode Island are yet free to practice and receive. Specifically, this bill includes language that would shield practitioners from legal backlash arising from another state.

Amnesty International USA is committed to protecting sexual health and reproductive rights as one of our key strategic focuses in the United States. Our organization supports efforts by activists, advocates, and legislators to uphold and expand those rights nationally.

Insofar as this bill would provide protection for any person to access care relating to their gender identity or expression, or relating to a birthing or other person's reproductive care and sovereignty over their own reproductive care choices, our local group supports the intent of the legislation. We are proud to stand with our coalition members here in Rhode Island in this and other policy areas this session.

Amnesty PVD strongly urges the committee to consider this bill favorably in light of our views on how it supports Human Rights for all.