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Dear Chairman Craven, Representative Finkelman and House Judiciary Committee,

Rhode Island's chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians strongly support HB 5179.

Rhode Island is the worst state in the nation to practice medicine. Our doctors, nurses and hospitals are leaving for greener pastures. Your constituents are unable to find primary care. Those of us who still practice in Rhode Island face oppressive laws leaving us exposed to excessive risk.

HB 7955 is a great step to draw the healthcare industry back to our state and aligns prejudgment interest with other industries. After all, healthcare is business and jobs for our state, but more importantly, healthcare is health.

Thank you for considering this simple but important legislation.

Sincerely,



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