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Rhode Island House Judiciary Committee

82 Smith St.

Providence, RI 02903

RE: Support for HB 5186 - Relating to Food & Drugs - Uniform Controlled Substances Act
Taxing District

To the Esteemed Members of the House Judiciary Committee of the State of Rhode Island,

My name is Dr. Eliza Collins and I'm writing to provide my enthusiastic support in favor of HB 5186. As this committee reviewed and approved last session's version of the bill, moving it forward and providing the opportunity to pass it in the House, you are well versed and familiar with its content.

The provisions are straightforward and would provide many Rhode Islanders with necessary and safe access to an extremely reasonable amount of psilocybin for personal beneficial use. Psilocybin's safety profile is unrivaled, and research supports that it has a significantly higher safety profile than even common over-the-counter household items such as Tylenol. Research has also shown that it is beneficial for management of conditions ranging from daily stress and anxiety to longstanding and complex PTSD, which many Rhode Islanders suffer from, including our veterans with whom I work closely at my medical practice.

I strongly encourage you to support this piece of legislation so that we may rise together and make Rhode Island a place where our community thrives.

Sincerely,



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