

To: Chairman Corvese and Members of the House Committee on Labor

Re: HB 7171 Temporary Disability Insurance

My name is Daniel Liparini and I am writing to you in support of HB 7171, sponsored by Representative Giraldo.

Rhode Island was one of the first states to provide its citizens with financial support when they needed time off to take care of their loved ones on a temporary basis. And this has been of great assistance to some of our estimated 120,000 citizens who are family caregivers. But our program has lagged other states, and it is time to address the allowed time off (increasing it to 12 weeks) and the benefit amount.

This program allows individuals the ability to transition more quickly out of rehabilitation or hospital care back into their homes by providing their caregiver temporary financial assistance. This would reduce medical expenses and likely even Medicaid and Medicare expenses.

Please support this important legislation.

Sincerely,

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