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Dear Members of the House Municipal Government and Housing Committee:

My name is Tricia Driscoll and I am the Executive Director of the Center for Mediation and Rhode Island, Rhode Island's only community mediation center.

I write in support of H-7242 requesting the General Assembly to enact legislation exempting from taxation the real property and tangible personal property of the Center for Mediation and Rhode Island, located at 831 Bald Hill Road in Warwick.

I want to thank the Warwick City Council and especially Councilman Sinapi for passing Warwick Resolution R-23-94 which expressed support for this bill. Thank you to Representative McNamara for sponsoring it here in the House.

The Center has been a tenant at 831 Bald Hill Road, Suite 2, in Warwick since June 2022. We currently have a ten-year lease.

The Center for Mediation and Collaboration RI has been operating as a RI non-profit since 1996. Our mission is to train, educate and mediate- empowering Rhode Islanders to resolve their disputes respectfully and peacefully.

Some of our work includes:

- Providing youth at the RI Training School with a skills-based program, helping them to develop confidence in conflict resolution and communication.
- We provide volunteer mediators in all four District Courts in RI, offering free mediation services to parties with small claims and landlord tenant disputes. We have a 70% success rate in helping parties reach agreement, making a trial not necessary.
- We train individuals, non-profits and businesses in communication and conflict resolution skills.
- We provide professional mediation services on a sliding scale to organizations and businesses struggling with conflict in the workplace.

Based on our work for over 25 years around the state, demonstrating that we are a longstanding RI non-profit making a significant contribution to the RI community, I respectfully ask for your support to pass this bill.

Gratefully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tricia Driscoll".

Tricia Driscoll
Executive Director

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