



BRIARCLIFFE

February 29, 2024

The Honorable Evan Shanley
Chair, House Committee on State Government and Elections
Rhode Island State House
Providence, RI 02903

RE: Support for H 7565 – 2024

Dear Chairman Shanley,

I am writing to you today in support of House Bill 7565. I am a member of the LongTerm Care Coordinating Council (“LTCCC”), a Nursing Home Administrator and a Member of the Board of several industry associations.

I have seen first-hand the functioning of the LTCCC being hampered by the current quorum rules which require 17 out of a total of 33 members to meet in person to form a quorum.

Historically, scheduling meetings around this quorum requirement has been a challenge because of the diversity of the members of the Council. This bill would bring the quorum requirement of the Council in line with other policy councils managed by the Lieutenant Governor.

I strongly urge you to recommend passage of House Bill 7565 as introduced.

Sincerely,

Akshay K. Talwar
Administrator and President
Briarcliffe

CC: The Honorable Members of the House Committee on State Government and Elections
The Honorable Mary Duffy Messier, Deborah Fellela, Barbara Ann Fenton-Fung, Katherine Kazarian, and Julie Casimiro
Nicole McCarty, Esq.