

## Chris O'Brien

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**From:** Amanda Fontaine LMFT <afontainelmft@gmail.com>  
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**To:** Chris O'Brien  
**Subject:** Proposed Revisions to RI Telehealth Act

Hello,

I would like to submit my written comments before the House Finance hearing later today on the proposed revisions to the RI Telehealth Act.

As a licensed mental health provider in RI for the past 17 years, and as Past President of the Rhode Island Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, I would like to voice my full support of the proposed revisions to the RI Telehealth Act, which would be in place at least through June 2021. These revisions would ensure that vulnerable clients and families would still have access to mental health treatment, even if they are not physically able to be at an in person office visit, due to safety and health concerns. This bill is invaluable to the many therapists in the state who are dedicated to providing our clients with continued mental health care and support. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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