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Subject: Please vote NO to H6282

Re: Opposition to 6282 Dear Members of the Rhode Island House Health and Human Service Committee, As a physician living and working in Rhode Island, I strongly oppose House Bill 6282. This bill would remove Department of Health oversight of EMS and harm the people of this state. The Department of Health ensures the health and safety of the people of Rhode Island. DOH is physician-led and promotes best practices that are compiled from a range of leading industry experts. It ensures quality, training, safety, and professionalism in every healthcare field. EMS is no exception. This bill would remove the Department of Health's regulatory authority and oversight for EMS and place it in the hands of the Ambulance Service Coordinating Advisory Board, which would be renamed the Ambulance Service Coordinating Board (ASCB) to reflect the newly obtained authority over themselves and the DOH. The DOH was immensely helpful to EMS agencies throughout the COVID crisis- supplying them with information on regular update calls, additional PPE and early testing for front-line workers. If this bill had been in place, the Department would not have been able take those helpful actions. This legislation would create an egregious conflict of interest by allowing EMS to be run by members of the ASCB, which is composed predominantly of practitioners in the very field the Board would regulate. This is unprecedented. If this legislation passes, this board will determine patient care protocols, licensing, training, patient care and safety standards. Most egregiously, this legislation allows the ASCB to self-discipline. Quite simply, Rhode Islanders will be harmed if this bill becomes law. I encourage you to vote against it.

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