



**Champion Advocacy  
Associates**

March 25, 2025

The Honorable Joseph Solomon, Jr.  
Chairman, House Corporations Committee  
Rhode Island State House  
Providence, RI 02903


Chairman Solomon and Committee Members,

The Northern RI Chamber of Commerce (NRICC) represents businesses in the communities of Burrillville, Central Falls, Cumberland, Foster, Glocester, Johnston, Lincoln, North Providence, North Smithfield, Pawtucket, Scituate, Smithfield and Woonsocket. The Chamber respectfully requests to be included in H.5568 if this bill is to move forward in the legislative process.

H.5568, An Act Relating to Insurance – Small Employer Health Insurance Availability Act, includes members of the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce in the exclusion of premium rates for the Rhode Island Builders' Association. Years ago, many chambers of commerce offered health insurance as a benefit to its members and pooled them in order to save administrative costs. The ability to offer this benefit was taken away when the health insurance reform took place in 2000. If the legislature revisits this change, the Northern RI Chamber of Commerce wishes to be included so that we might offer the benefit to our members as well.

Thank you for your consideration of the Chamber's request.

Respectfully,

  
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