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The Honorable Joseph J. Solomon, Jr.  
Chairperson, House Corporations Committee  
Rhode Island State House  
82 Smith Street  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

**Re: Support H.7862 - Unilateral modification of provider contracts prohibited**

Dear Chairperson Solomon,

On behalf of the Hospital Association of Rhode Island (HARI) and our member hospitals, I write to express support for H.7862 by Representative Mia Ackerman. This legislation seeks to promote fairness and stability in Rhode Island's healthcare system by prohibiting healthcare entities from unilaterally modifying provider contracts.

Currently, the imbalance between insurance entities and healthcare providers allows for mid-contract changes to material terms—such as reimbursement methodologies, fee schedules, and prior authorization requirements. These shifting requirements create administrative burden, introduce financial uncertainty, and can ultimately affect patient access to care.

H.7862 establishes clear and reasonable guardrails by:

- **Ensuring contractual integrity**, requiring mutual written agreement for changes during the term of a contract;
- **Defining material terms**, including reimbursement, billing requirements, and clinical policies, to prevent arbitrary modification; and
- **Providing transparency**, requiring at least 90 days' notice of proposed changes prior to contract renewal.

At a time when Rhode Island's healthcare system continues to face workforce, cost, and capacity challenges, predictable and transparent contracting is essential to maintaining access to care.

H.7862 is a balanced, practical step to support stability across the healthcare system and allows providers to focus on delivering high-quality care.

HARI respectfully urges the Committee's support of this legislation. We appreciate your leadership and continued partnership on issues impacting Rhode Island's healthcare system.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa P. Tomasso", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Lisa P. Tomasso  
Senior Vice President