



April 14, 2026

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

RE: Letter of Opposition H7875 – AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT – THE RHODE ISLAND HEALTH CARE REFORM ACT OF 2004 – HEALTH INSURANCE OVERSIGHT

Dear Chairperson Solomon:

I write on behalf of the State of Rhode Island Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner (OHIC) in opposition of [House Bill 7875](#). If enacted, H7875 would add tens of millions of dollars to Rhode Islanders' health insurance premiums in the coming years through the mechanism of higher prices for hospital inpatient and outpatient services. While I understand the financial pressures facing Rhode Island's hospitals, and I'm cognizant of looming federal changes to Medicaid eligibility and hospital state directed payments which will make these pressures more severe in the future, I worry about the impact of this legislation on the affordability of health care purchased by working families, small businesses, and our state and local governments.

Thank you for your continued leadership and hard work on all matters related to the health of Rhode Islanders.

Sincerely,

Cory B. King
Health Insurance Commissioner

CC: Honorable Members of the House Committee on Corporations
Honorable Mia A. Ackerman
Nicole McCarty, Esq., Chief Legal Counsel to the Speaker of the House

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