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Dear Chair,

I am writing to you in support of House Bills 7427, 8325, 8327, 8308, 8309, and 8310. These bills are imperative to save our private practices and make practicing medicine in Rhode Island viable for both clinicians and patients.

These bills address critical challenges faced by primary care practices every day, including administrative overhead, fair reimbursement, burdensome prior authorization requirements, lack of transparency in fee schedules, and delays in credentialing. Collectively, they represent a necessary step toward restoring balance between providers and payers.

Rhode Island is already facing a decline in practicing clinicians and increasing barriers to patient access. Without meaningful reform, these trends will continue. The passage of these bills begins the process of stabilizing our healthcare system.

Many states have already implemented similar legislation. It is essential that Rhode Island act now to retain physicians and ensure continued access to care. I strongly urge your support.

Sincerely,

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