

February 8, 2024

The Honorable Marvin L. Abney Chairperson, House Committee on Finance State of Rhode Island State House 82 Smith Street Providence, RI 02903

RE: Letter of Support – ARTICLE 3, SECTION 15 OF H-7224 - RHODE ISLAND HEALTHCARE WORKFORCE DATA COLLECTION ACT

Dear Chairperson Abney:

I write on behalf of the Rhode Island Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner (OHIC) in favor of Section 15 of Article 3 of H 7224. This act would authorize the Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) to collect health care workforce data on all health care professionals licensed by RIDOH as a part of their licensure and license renewal process. Such data would support important health care planning efforts, workforce analysis, and policy recommendations.

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

Sincerely,

Cory B King

Cory B. King Acting Health Insurance Commissioner

CC: Honorable Members of the House Committee on Finance Nicole McCarty, Esquire, Chief Legal Counsel to the Speaker