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President

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

Re: SUPPORT – H.7225 Article 2 Section 15

Dear Chairman Abney:

The Hospital Association of Rhode Island (HARI) and its members support H.7225, Article 2, Section 15, which authorizes the Rhode Island Department of Health to collect healthcare workforce data on all healthcare professionals licensed by the department as part of the department's licensure and license renewal process and to request all healthcare professionals to voluntarily provide healthcare workforce data elements as a part of licensure and licensure renewal.

The Hospital Association of Rhode Island continues to work collaboratively in a public/private partnership with EOHHS, the Office of Post Secondary Education and the Department of Labor and Training to address healthcare workforce issues. Therefore, we support state efforts to improve data on healthcare workforce through the licensure process. By leveraging licensure data, Rhode Island can obtain valuable insights into the composition, distribution, and dynamics of its healthcare workforce. Access to accurate and comprehensive data on healthcare professionals will play a pivotal role in addressing the evolving needs of the healthcare sector.

For these reasons, HARI respectfully requests your support of Article 2, Section 15.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa P. Tomasso". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending from the end.

Lisa P. Tomasso  
Senior Vice President