



J. Arthur Trudeau Memorial Center

"Promoting an enhanced quality of life for individuals with developmental disabilities."

The Honorable Marvin L. Abney
House Committee on Finance, Chair
82 Smith St,
Providence, RI 02903

May 13, 2024

Re: In Support of HB 7591, RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AND PUBLIC ASSISTANCE CASELOAD ESTIMATING CONFERENCES

Dear Chairman Abney and Members of the House Finance Committee:

My name is Joseph Robitaille and I am the Vice President of Children's Services at the J. Arthur Trudeau Memorial Center located in Warwick. I am writing in support of HB 7591. This Bill represents a significant step forward in fulfilling the commitment made by the General Assembly in 2022. By passing this Bill we can not only honor this commitment but also tangibly improve the lives of countless individuals across our communities.

It is evident that the services enabled by this funding initiative are lifelines for countless individuals and families, providing critical support and resources that enhance their quality of life and enable them to thrive. Moreover, the long-term sustainability ensured by this funding offers a sense of security and stability for vulnerable populations, assuring them that their needs will be met for years to come.

As someone who has witnessed firsthand the transformative impact of these services, I am compelled to lend my voice in support of this initiative. It is not merely a matter of funding; it is a statement of our collective values and priorities as a society.

I support the HB 7591 Bill and urge all members of the House Finance Committee to vote for passage of this Bill. Let us come together to ensure that no individual or family is left behind, and that our communities remain places of compassion, support, and opportunity for all. Thank you for taking the time to review this testimony and our recommendation to pass this critical Bill.

Sincerely,

Joseph Robitaille, Vice President of Children's Services
J. Arthur Trudeau Memorial Center