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February 15, 2024

The Honorable Marvin L. Abney Chair, House Finance Committee Rhode Island General Assembly 82 Smith Street Providence, RI 02903

Re:

H-7225 Article 6 Section 12

Section 280E of the Internal Revenue Code

Dear Chairperson Abney and Members of the House Finance Committee:

I represent Aura of Rhode Island, Inc. ("Aura"), which is a licensed medical marijuana Compassion Center and adult use Hybrid Compassion Retailer located in Central Falls.

We submit this written testimony to **express support for H-7225 Article 6, Section 12.** Passing of this Article will allow compassion centers to deduct ordinary business expenses from gross income associated with the sale of Cannabis.

We respectfully request your support for Article 6, Section 12.

Very truly yours,

AURA OF RHODE ISLAND

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