

Mary Chace H-6047 FOR

Hearing: April 30, 2025

The Honorable Marvin Abney, Chair, and Esteemed Members of the House Finance Committee:

I strongly support this bill, H 6047, which would codify into State law no-copay insurance for birth control. This health care benefit is an important element of the federal Affordable Care Act, in that the cost for contraception for women prior to the ACA's adoption was a third or more of women's out of pocket expenses for health care.

This is an important economic issue for many, especially the underserved communities. And without contraceptive use the possibilities of unplanned pregnancies could mean even more economic hardship both for individuals, their families, and the State (of Rhode Island) in which one third of the population is on Medicaid.

Because of threats at the national level to dismantle the ACA I feel it is prudent and important to add this protection to our laws.

I respectfully urge you to pass this bill, and send it to the floor of the House for a vote.

Sincerely,

Mary Chace