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Rhode Island State House
House Finance Committee

Via email to HouseFinance@rilegislature.gov

Re: **SUPPORT** of RIPIN Dual Ombudsman (H6190 & FY26 Budget)

Dear Chair Abney and Members of the House Finance Committee:

My name is Lucy Rose, and I am writing to **support** continued funding for the RIPIN Dual Ombudsman Program in the State Budget, and in **support** of H6190. This resolution calls on the General Assembly to provide funding for the 2026 fiscal year.

I am writing to express my strong support for H6190 and the FY26 budget provision that funds the Rhode Island Parent Information Network (RIPIN) Dual Ombudsman Program.

In October 2023, my son Jaime lost his Medicaid coverage unexpectedly. As a disabled adult child receiving SSDI, he should have been automatically eligible for Medicaid, but his benefits were mistakenly terminated. The experience was overwhelmingly stressful and filled with uncertainty, as his healthcare and critical in-home services were suddenly in jeopardy.

Thanks to the advocacy and guidance of RIPIN's Dual Ombudsman team, we were able to navigate this incredibly complex system. RIPIN worked with us to confirm Jaime's eligibility, contacted Social Security and RI Medicaid, and successfully restored his coverage, including his Neighborhood Integrity plan. Their support, skill, and persistence ensured Jaime's appointments, prescriptions, and services were uninterrupted.

Without RIPIN's support, we would not have known where to turn to rectify this situation. This program is not just helpful, it is vital. I urge you to support continued funding and passage of H6190 so that more families like mine are not left behind.

Thank you,

Lucy Rose