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President

February 3, 2026

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

Re: Support – H.7408

Dear Chairman Abney,

The Hospital Association of Rhode Island supports **H. 7408**, which provides revised FY2026 appropriations related to Roger Williams Medical Center and Our Lady of Fatima Hospital.

These hospitals play a critical role in ensuring access to care for the communities they serve, providing services that many Rhode Islanders rely on every day. Maintaining the continuity of these services is vital to public health, and the overall stability of the state's healthcare system. The emergency and behavioral health services provided at these hospitals, in particular, cannot be absorbed elsewhere in the system.

Equally important, this resolution supports the preservation of approximately 2,700 healthcare jobs. These dedicated workers are not only caregivers, but also members of the communities they serve. This workforce helps protect the local economy and ensures that patients continue to receive timely, high-quality care close to home.

We appreciate the General Assembly's leadership in recognizing the importance of sustaining these essential community hospitals and supporting a path forward that maintains important services and safeguards jobs. For these reasons, HARI respectfully urges the committee to support passage of **H. 7408**.

Thank you for your continued commitment to Rhode Island's healthcare system and workforce.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa P. Tomasso".

Lisa P. Tomasso
Senior Vice President