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Rhode Island State House of Representatives
House Committee on Finance
Subcommittee on Human Services
(Submitted electronically via HouseFinance@rilegislature.gov)

Re: Support for H7127 Article 1, Section 1 (EOHHS)

Dear Chair Tanzi and Members of the Committee:

Please accept the Rhode Island Health Center Association's letter of support for House Bill 7127 Article 1, Section 1 (EOHHS), which would support a one-time allocation of \$600,000 for Planned Parenthood of Southern New England (PPSNE).

This state funding is urgently needed to ensure continued access to preventive health services, including cancer screenings, birth control, and other essential care for patients who can no longer use their Medicaid coverage at PPSNE due to the provision included in the federal H.R. 1 law enacted in July 2025. PPSNE is an important safety-net provider that served nearly 10,000 Rhode Islanders last year. Without state support to offset the sudden federal funding gap, many patients would face delayed or disrupted care.

Access to reproductive and preventive health care remains vulnerable in Rhode Island. All residents should be able to seek care from the trusted providers they rely on. For this reason, we respectfully ask the Committee to approve the proposed \$600,000 allocation for PPSNE in the FY 2027 budget. This investment is essential to preserving patients' access to timely, comprehensive health services across our state.

Thank you for your consideration and for your commitment to the health of Rhode Islanders.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Melissa Campbell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Melissa Campbell
Policy Manager