



The Rhode Island State
Council of Churches

Testimony in support of H 7127

March 25, 2026

Dear Chair Tanzi and Members of the House Finance Subcommittee on Human Services:

I am The Rev. Eugene Dyszlewski, a resident of Cranston and pastor of Lime Rock Baptist Church. I am writing on behalf of myself and the Rhode Island State Council of Churches in support for the proposed one-time budget allocation of \$600,000.00 for Planned Parenthood of Southern New England.

The funding will cover the cost of numerous vital and significant healthcare services that PPSNE provides. The unfortunate impact of the federal law H.R.1 passed in 2025 prevents patients from using their Medicaid Insurance to access these services. I am asking the State of Rhode Island to correct this inequity. Cancer screening, STI testing, birth control and other treatment services should be available to all patients who need care.

The Rhode Island State Council of Churches recognizes the indispensable role that Planned Parenthood plays in providing reproductive healthcare to members of our congregations. As a church pastor, I personally know of this need.

I urge the committee to support the budget allocation in H 7127.

Respectfully,

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