

Dear Chair Abney and honorable members of the House Committee on Finance,

My name is Katie Spigner. I am from Warwick. I am testifying in support of House Bill 7323 (Rep. Alzate). This bill updates the existing Rhode Island state law mandating coverage of contraception enacted in 2000 in order to ensure access to all FDA-approved methods, limit insurer restrictions, require coverage of contraception-related services, and ensure no-cost sharing coverage for FDA-approved over-the-counter contraception.

Being able to access no-cost contraception in my 20s gave me agency in my life at a time when I had little control over much else. Most of the protections I and many of my millennial peers benefitted from have either been overturned by the courts or done away with in the systematic dismantling of the Affordable Care Act. It is vital that Rhode Island is proactive in expanding access to all forms of FDA approved contraception. I support House Bill 7323.

Thank you,