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The Honorable Marvin L. Abney
Rhode Island House of Representative
House Committee on Finance
(Submitted via HouseFinance@rilegislature.gov)

Dear Chair Abney and Members of the Committee:

Please accept the Rhode Island Health Center Association's letter of support for House Bill 7323. This bill would update Rhode Island state law on contraception coverage to support 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.

Access to affordable, reliable contraception is a vital component of preventive primary healthcare and plays a critical role in promoting individual health, public health, and economic stability. Barriers, whether financial, geographic, or policy-related, can disproportionately affect individuals and communities who are already underserved.

When people have access to contraception, they are better able to make informed decisions about their health, education, and future. Ensuring reproductive care coverage helps create a more accessible healthcare system.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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

Melissa Campbell
Policy Manager

The Rhode Island Health Center Association health center members include:
Blackstone Valley Community Health Care Inc. ~ Comprehensive Community Action Program
East Bay Community Action Program ~ Providence Community Health Centers
Thundermist Health Center ~ Tri-County Community Action Agency
WellOne Primary Medical and Dental Care ~ Wood River Health