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RI Abortion Fund
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RI Atheists
RI Black Business Association
RI Coalition Against Domestic Violence
RI National Association of Social Workers
RI National Organization for Women
RI Pharmacists Association
RI Psychiatric Society
RI Religious Coalition for Reproductive Freedom
RI State Council of Churches
RI Working Families Party
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Women's Fund of Rhode Island

To: Representative Marvin Abney, Chair of the House Committee on Finance; Honorable Members of the House Committee on Finance

From: Nicole Jellinek, Chair, Rhode Island Coalition for Reproductive Freedom

Date: May 5, 2026

Re: Support for House Bill 7323 RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND INSURANCE POLICIES

Dear Members of the House Committee on Finance,

I am submitting testimony on behalf of the RI Coalition for Reproductive Freedom in support of House Bill 7323. Our Coalition, made up of 29 member organizations, works together to share resources, build strategies and coordinate efforts to connect reproductive freedom with social and economic justice. We recognize real inequalities in our state and we envision a RI where everyone has access to affordable and comprehensive reproductive health care.

We urge this Committee to pass this legislation in order to retain contraception as a preventive care service not subject to patient cost-sharing. One clear positive result of the ACA has been increased access to the most effective types of contraception, including long-acting, reversible contraception (LARC). According to the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, over time LARC methods are 20 times more effective than birth control pills, the patch, or the ring. However, these options can be expensive. For example, prior to the ACA, placing an IUD could cost up to \$500, an amount that many found prohibitive due to the impact of high deductibles and other forms of cost-sharing. This legislation would only expand upon the revolutionary access that the ACA created to birth control methods by providing that all FDA-approved birth control options are covered by insurers.

Rhode Islanders deserve financial access to the birth control methods that are right for themselves and for their lives. This bill expands autonomy and reproductive freedom, and ensures that financial barriers do not prevent individuals from the health care that is best suited for them. We strongly urge support for H 7323.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'njellinek', with a long, sweeping underline.

Nicole Jellinek, Chair, Rhode Island Coalition for Reproductive Freedom