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Subject: Support for H-7091

Dear Members of the House Committee on Health and Human Services,

On behalf of SEIU 1199NE, representing a dedicated workforce of approximately 5,000 healthcare and service workers in Rhode Island, we express our strong support for Bill H-7091. This legislation is a critical step towards ensuring that our members, and indeed all Rhode Islanders, have access to the comprehensive health care coverage they deserve, without the looming threat of lifetime or annual limits.

The enactment of H-7091 would have a profoundly positive impact on our members. For example, those facing chronic conditions or requiring long-term treatments would no longer have to worry about exhausting their benefits when they need them the most. Additionally, it would support our members who are parents of children with special healthcare needs, assuring them of continued access to necessary treatments without the fear of reaching arbitrary financial caps.

We believe that health care should be a right, not a privilege determined by arbitrary limits. H-7091 is a step in the right direction, ensuring that health insurance serves the needs of the people, not the balance sheets of insurance companies.

We urge you to pass H-7091 and stand with us in supporting the health and well-being of Rhode Island's workforce and their families.

Sincerely,

Alex Moore