

Representative Susan Donovan, Chair House Health and Human Services Committee

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Support for H-7091 - An Act Relating to Insurance - Lifetime Limits

Chair Donovan and Members of the Committee,

Rhode Island Working Families Party writes in strong support of H-7091, Rep. Kislak's bill to protect Rhode Islanders' ability to receive health insurance by ending lifetime limits on care.

The Working Families Party advocates for policies that promote economic justice and allow all people to meet their basic needs and live with dignity. All our residents deserve healthcare and no one should have to worry that an accident or chronic illness will cause them to lose health insurance because they reach their lifetime limit of care. However, before the Affordable Care Act was enacted, that was the challenge faced by far too many people in Rhode Island and beyond.

Rhode Island has already taken important steps to ensure that healthcare provisions passed into law by the Affordable Care Act are enshrined in state law as well. Enacting Rep. Kislak's bill would be an important step to protecting healthcare for thousands of residents and allowing Rhode Islanders to know their health insurance is secure despite the vicissitudes of the federal political landscape. We hope the committee will move forward with this legislation so that it can be enacted into law.

Thank you,

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