

RE: House Bill 7442 – Interstate Medical Licensure Compact

To: Chairwoman Donovan and members of the House Health and Human Services Committee

I'm Daniel Liparini – a North Kingstown resident since 2000—and I'm writing in support of HB 7442, a bill that restores access to telemedicine for all Rhode Islanders and allows treatment by out of state providers.

Telemedicine provides a number of benefits to Rhode Islanders, especially those who have mobility issues, live in more rural areas or simply due to time or money constraints cannot afford to travel for health care services. It also makes it much easier for caregivers of these same individuals to participate in their loved one's medical care.

I used telemedicine for physical therapy on several occasions when it was not practical for me to travel to the provider's location. By doing this online, I was able to get the help I needed to perform exercises and get guidance on new exercises that I would not otherwise be able to get. I would also note that current health plan providers of Medicare Supplements use telemedicine as part of their plan. This allows members to phone a nurse line and get advice on medication or changes in their medical condition rather than visit an urgent care center or a doctor's office. It is convenient and much less expensive for the provider and the member.

For the above reasons, I would ask that you support this important bill.

Sincerely,

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