



February 8, 2024

Honorable Susan Donovan
Chairwoman, House Committee on Health & Human Services
Rhode Island State House
Providence, RI 02903

RE: H.7442, An Act Relating to Businesses and Professions – Interstate Medical Licensure Compact

Dear Chairwoman Donovan and Committee Members,

The undersigned members of The Rhode Island Business Coalition support the passage of H.7442, An Act Relating to Businesses and Professions – Interstate Medical Licensure Compact.

H.7442 ensures that Rhode Island residents have access to telemedicine from in-state and out-of-state providers, provided the out-of-state providers are registered with the Rhode Island Department of Health. Telemedicine, when it falls within appropriate health care areas, is very helpful to individuals that are home bound, ill to the point where travel is difficult, or when the provider simply needs to talk to the patient in order to effectuate appropriate care.

Lastly, with the scarce number of primary care physicians practicing in the State, telemedicine may also help doctors see more patients. If the Committee decides to create a mandated benefits review committee, comprised of experts from various stakeholder groups, we ask that H.7442 be evaluated by the committee as well.

Sincerely,

Associated Builders and Contractors, Rhode Island
East Greenwich Chamber of Commerce
Greater Newport Chamber of Commerce
North Kingstown Chamber of Commerce
Rhode Island Beverage Association
Rhode Island Business Group on Health
Rhode Island Manufacturers Association
Rhode Island Mortgage Bankers Association
Rhode Island Partnership for Home Care
Rhode Island Society of Certified Public Accountants
Rhode Island Staffing Association
Sustainable Benefits Strategies, LLC
Tech Net

The Rhode Island Business Coalition represents 50 industries and 6,280 businesses that employ 231,200 people throughout Rhode Island.