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**From:** drchad97@aol.com  
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**To:** House Health and Human Services Committee  
**Subject:** Bill 2024-H 8072

To whom it may concern,

My name is Chad Nevola. I am a solo practice pediatrician and I am part of an ACO known as RIP CPC (Rhode Island Primary Care Physicians Corporation).

I am writing to support bill number 2024-H 8072.

We continue to struggle to get parity with neighboring states. It is getting hard to recruit new physicians and keep existing physicians in Rhode Island. As a practice owner, I am in no position financially to be able to hire any provider to assist me, including physician's assistants or nurse practitioners. By contrast, colleagues of mine in neighboring states like Massachusetts and Connecticut are able to afford to hire help.

Rhode Island is routinely ranked as one of the worst places to practice medicine, and has been ranked 51st out of 51 in many annual polls.

Many pediatricians in RI are reaching retirement age and it is very hard to recruit new physicians to come to Rhode Island.

Two pediatricians in my coverage group are retiring in July. There will immediately be 5000+ patients looking for new places to go - and not all of them will find one. Most practices are currently full and not taking new patients. I am accepting new patients, but I will not be able to accommodate this type of new volume.

We need to make RI competitive. Please consider passing this bill.

Sincerely,

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