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To whom it may concern,

My name is Marcolino Ferretti. I am with East Bay Pediatrics and am part of RIPCPC (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.

Rhode Island has been rated as one of the worst places to practice medicine.

For Pediatrics many of our practitioners are reaching retirement age and it is very hard to recruit new physicians to come to Rhode Island.

For example, two pediatricians are retiring in July causing 5000 patients to find new places to go. Most practices are currently full and not taking new patients. We are open but can't take this many patients.

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

Sincerely,

Marcolino Ferretti.