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The Honorable Susan R. Donovan, Chair
House Committee on Health and Human Services
State House
82 Smith St.
Providence, RI 02903

H 5352 – An Act Relating to Health and Safety – Rhode Island Program to Address Alzheimer's Disease

Dear Chair Donovan:

Please accept this letter regarding H 5352, legislation that would create the position of Dementia Services Coordinator within the Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) to coordinate RIDOH's approach to Alzheimer's Disease and other forms of dementia.

Please be informed that RIDOH's Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders (ADRD) Program is funded by CDC in the amount of \$500,000 per year. RIDOH is currently in year two of a five-year funding cycle that ends in September 2028. This funding covers a full-time Program Manager/Coordinator who is responsible for all aspects of the program. The annual cost of this position is \$152,386 annually, not including future increases in salary and fringe benefits. This individual currently performs duties that the proposed Dementia Services Coordinator would perform.

I thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jerome M. Larkin", followed by the word "for" in a smaller, less legible script.

Jerome M. Larkin, MD
Director

CC: The Honorable Julie A. Casimiro
The Honorable Members of the House Committee on Health and Human Services
Nicole McCarty, Esquire, Chief Legal Counsel
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