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The Honorable Susan Donovan Chair, House Committee on Health & Human Services

State House

82 Smith Street

Providence, RI 02903

RE: (H5627)– AN ACT RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS
INSURANCE POLICIES

Dear Chair Donovan and members of the Committee:

My name is Katlyn Nemi and I am a nurse at Brigham and Women's Hospital. I am in support of H5627, which would provide payment for pharmacists' services. This bill is important to me because I was educated by a pharmacist when I was diagnosed with asthma as my physician did not educate me on how to properly use the different types of inhalers that I was prescribed. The pharmacist was able to guide me in the right direction of the type of inhaler that I needed and the proper technique to deliver the dose. He also referred me to an allergist that ended up properly diagnosing me with subglottic stenosis and ultimately found out that I never had asthma. I had advocated for a CT scan with the pulmonologist but got constant pushback because she said that my chest x-rays were normal. Without this referral to an allergist from the pharmacist I would have continued on the wrong track and not gotten the treatment that I so desperately needed. The pharmacist was caring, attentive and extremely knowledgeable.

I wholeheartedly support this bill and thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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