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Support for House Bill No. 6038

Dear Chair Donovan and distinguished members of the House Committee on Health and Human Services:

My name is Camille Williams, and I live and work in Providence. I am a Certified Nurse-Midwife and I provide reproductive health care to Rhode Islanders at Providence Community Health Centers and at Brown Health Ob-Gyn.

I am testifying in strong support of House Bill 6038. I am a prescriber myself and I routinely prescribe contraception of all types. Hormonal contraception is safe for the vast majority of women and any increase in access to birth control will improve the health and well being of Rhode Island families. I am strongly in favor of removing the 3-month limit on pharmacists' authority to prescribe Hormonal Contraception and receive payment for services.

I support H 6038 because access to contraception is essential health care for so many people in our state. As a prescriber, I welcome pharmacists having prescriptive authority for hormonal contraception to improve ease of access for my patients and all Rhode Islanders.

Sincerely,

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