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

RE: Testimony in Support of House Bill H6038 (Ajello)– AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PHARMACIES {LC1417/1}

Dear Chairperson Donovan and members of the House Health and Human Services:

I'm Dr. Jeffrey Bratberg, a clinical professor of pharmacy practice and clinical research at the University of Rhode Island (URI) College of Pharmacy, writing on behalf of myself in support of H6038 to remove unnecessary supply limits imposed only on pharmacist-prescribed hormonal contraception.

I worked with many other advocates to pass legislation in 2023 permitting pharmacists to prescribe hormonal contraceptives, expanding access for people who seek to reduce their risk of mistimed pregnancies with these safe and effective therapies. Most states now authorize pharmacists, resulting in cost-savings in state Medicaid in Oregon.

24 states and DC, including Rhode Island, require insurance coverage for a 12-month supply, but only Rhode Island imposed an initial 3-month supply limit on pharmacists. [Women who receive a 1-year supply have been found to be 30% less likely to have an unintended pregnancy compared to women receiving a 1–3-month supply.](#)

I strongly urge the committee to pass H6038 to ensure that people who choose pharmacists as their contraceptive provider are given the same access to a 12-month supply as other providers.

Sincerely,



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