



Hearing of House Committee on Health and Human Services on March 13, 2025

Dear Chair Susan Donovan and Members of the House Health and Human Services Committee:

The League of Women Voters of RI supports H6038, a bill which would remove the 3-month limitation on the supply of contraceptive prescriptions.

Research has shown that oral contraception drugs need to be used regularly to be successful. Often impediments interfere with a person's ability to renew prescriptions in a timely fashion. A 2022 KFF Women's Health Survey shared by our partners in the RI Coalition for Reproductive Freedom, found that more than a third of reproductive-age women missed taking the pills because they were unable to get their next supply. This is of concern because the research also reported that "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."

At the national level the League of Women Voters health supports the requirement that insurance plans "provide access to contraception as basic care in the Supreme Court case of *Burwell v. Hobby Lobby Stores*." The provisions in H6038 fall within the category of essential care.

The League of Women Voters of Rhode Island urges you to vote in favor of this bill, and bring it to the floor of the House for a vote.

Respectfully,

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