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Subject: SUPPORT (H5633) - Refill Extension & (H6038) - Expand Ability to Prescribe Hormonal Contraceptives

Dear Chair Donovan and members of the Committee,

My name is Lauren Wilkinson. I am an ICU nurse working at Brigham and Women's hospital and am writing in support of bill H5633 which would allow a pharmacist to dispense a one-time refill for certain medications for continuation of therapy to patients & H6038 which would expand pharmacist's ability to prescribe hormonal contraceptives.

I grew up in NJ but went to college in RI and ran out of my birth control pills while in between providers. Unable to get back to be seen by my provider in NJ and having not yet been able establish care with a provider in RI, I went to Planned Parenthood for a refill. I spoke with a provider and was given a 6 month supply of birth control pills which I had to pay out of pocket for. I was not given a physical exam nor did they take my blood pressure.

Having a pharmacist available to dispense a one time refill of my birth control pills would have bridged the provider gap for me while settling up in RI but also forced me to follow up w. A new provider for a physical exam/ preventative screening a lot sooner.

I truly support both theses bills and thank you for your time!

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