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Chairwoman Murray and members of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee:

I write to you today in **Support** of both HB #5431 and HB #5494.

These bills will require that Medicare recipients over 65 years of age applying for any supplement plan shall receive guaranteed issue rights for at least one month each calendar year.

Those who chose a Medicare Advantage Plan currently are subject to underwriting or higher prices when they switch to traditional Medicare and look for a Medigap supplement under current law in Rhode Island, unless they choose Plan A. There are currently 8 plans to choose from when selecting a Medicare supplement . This bill will provide a remedy to this issue.

I urge your support on these bills to offer more options in healthcare for older Rhode Islanders on Medicare.

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