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**From:** Mericlaire Williams <mericlairewilliams@gmail.com>  
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**To:** House Health and Human Services Committee  
**Subject:** Support bill HB5857

Chairwoman Donovan and Honorable Committee members,

My name is Meredith, I live in Providence. Today I write to you in support of House Bill 5857.

We've seen attacks nationally on freedom to access health care for women in need of reproductive care as well as for people accessing gender affirming care. Mandating protections against outside interference for Rhode Islanders accessing such care is important if we are to maintain the ability to access such services without discrimination, and typically the sets of people accessing these forms of care are among our most vulnerable citizens.

Please support bill HB5857 so we continue to safely access reproductive and gender confirming care.

Sincerely,  
Meredith Williams