



RHODE ISLAND MEDICAL SOCIETY

February 23, 2021

The Honorable Stephen Casey
Chair, House Committee on Health and Human Services
State House
82 Smith Street
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Chairman Casey:

re: 21H-5241
Representative Vella-Wilkinson

The Rhode Island Medical Society (RIMS) opposes this bill at this time.

RIMS recognizes that pharmacists are valuable members of the healthcare system who play a critical role in assisting patients with the proper and safe use of prescriptions, administering vaccines and other important roles within a physician led team approach to improving health outcomes.

RIMS and the Rhode Island Pharmacist Association (RIPA) have established an inter-professional committee to discuss this type of legislation that would potentially expand the role of pharmacists.

This joint committee has yet reached consensus on either of these bills.

We encourage the committee to hold these bills until such time we may reach common ground.

Sincerely,

Catherine A. Cummings, MD
President

Re: House Bill 5162 Samera Nessralla Position: Support

February 20, 2021

The Honorable Stephen M. Casey
Chair,
House Committee on Health and Human Services
State House
82 Smith St.
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Chairman Casey,

My name is Samera Nessralla, PA-C. I work at RI Hospital in the Emergency Department. I am writing to show my full support of bill H-5162. I feel this bill will clarify existing definitions and allow PAs to provide certain services thereby increasing access to care.

Sincerely,

Samera Nessralla, PA-C