



April 8, 2026

The Honorable Jacquelyn M. Baginski
Chair, House Innovation, Internet, & Technology Committee
State of Rhode Island General Assembly
82 Smith Street
Providence, RI 02903

Re: Support for H7350: Relating to Commercial Law--General Regulatory Provisions--Artificial Intelligence Companion Models

Dear Chair Baginski and the members of the House Innovation, Internet, & Technology Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of H7350, which would create additional safety features for artificial intelligence companion. Passage of this bill is vital to effectively manage the risks that present for all people, users, and operators of AI companion.

My name is Jessica Crowe and I am VP of Administration at FSRI. FSRI is a behavioral health and social service organization delivering over 30 programs to support children, families and individuals across the state. All people seeking services within FSRI are assessed and screened for safety concerns. Our staff are trained and demonstrate competence in the methods of crisis prevention and intervention, including assessing for and responding to suicidal ideation and self-harm, and other safety threats and risks. We understand the importance of urgency and care when responding to and addressing potential crisis situations.

We fully support and advocate for the implementation of additional safety features for AI companion technology that ensures protocol to be followed if and when a user expresses suicidal ideation or self-harm, possible physical harm to others, or possible financial harm to others.

In absence of safety procedures and alerting users that the AI companion is unable to feel human emotion, the risk of suicide, self-harm, harm to others, and undetected abuse may increase.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment in support of H7350, and please feel free to contact me with any questions or follow-up.

Sincerely,
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