

4 March 2024

**House Judiciary Committee**

The State of Rhode Island General Assembly  
82 Smith Street  
Providence, RI 02903

**Re: OPPOSITION to Bills H 7370, H 7375, and H 7529**

To the Honorable Members of the House Judiciary Committee:

I write in strong opposition to House Bills 7370, 7375, and 7529, which use misleading terminology like “born alive” to disparage Rhode Island healthcare providers and threaten the legal right to reproductive care, including abortion, in our state.

Rhode Island healthcare providers work hard to ensure the compassionate reproductive care that people need and it is both inaccurate and insulting to suggest that any of these providers would ever withhold care from an infant. To threaten these healthcare providers with fines or prison time simply for providing reproductive services consistent with the professional standard of care is simply wrong.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
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