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H7577 — SUPPORT

I write to urge the committee to support H7577 to protect health care legal in our state and the people who provide it. It's the right thing to do both ethically and economically.

There is no question that the provision of medical care related to gender and reproduction has become fraught. Many states have passed bills limiting such care, and some are experimenting with legislation which reaches across borders. We cannot allow Rhode Island to sink to the lowest common denominator in health care provision.

Secondly, young people don't flee states because of taxes, no matter what those talk-radio voices whisper in your ear. But they do leave because of regressive policies. And they will absolutely pick schools and job locations where they have bodily autonomy and are able to get the care they need. If you care about Rhode Island's future competitiveness, this bill is an absolute necessity.

For these — among many other reasons -- I urge the committee to support and forward this bill to the floor.

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