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TESTIMONY SUPPORTING H7577, Health Care Provider Shield Bill

To: Chair, Clerk and Members of House Judiciary Committee

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As a retired pediatrician and member of the RI Medical Society, I write in strong support of H7577. I reside in Providence. Although not currently providing clinical health care, I remain actively interested in improving the health of all persons in RI.

H7577 aims to protect health care providers, so they can provide the care patients need, and to allow their patients continued access to essential health care. It aims to protect RI providers from laws in other states which restrict important health care and can even punish providers for providing vital health care.

I acknowledge the important work the House has done in the past to support health care and health care providers in RI. Please continue to show your concern for our citizens by supporting the passage of H7577, a bill to safeguard access to reproductive and gender affirming healthcare services.

Thank you for your consideration of my thoughts on this important bill.

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