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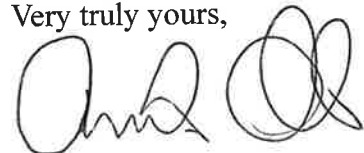
Chairman Robert Craven, Esq.  
House Judiciary Committee  
Rhode Island State House

RE: H 5903 Collateral Source Rule

Dear Chairman Craven,

This bill would abolish RIGL §9-19-34.1 which currently permits a defendant in a medical or healthcare malpractice case to reduce the damages they negligently caused by the amount payable under various types of insurance applicable to the injured person. These insurance policies include health insurance, sickness or income disability coverage, accident insurance with health benefits, and group health insurance. The current statute goes against the overriding legal principle that negligent parties are responsible for all damages they cause and is inconsistent with RIGL 9-19-34, which states that in all other cases this principle does not apply. It is unfair that victims of medical negligence be treated differently than everyone else in the state.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anthony DeSisto', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Anthony DeSisto, Esq.