



The American College of
Obstetricians and Gynecologists
WOMEN'S HEALTH CARE PHYSICIANS

Office of the Rhode Island Section Chair
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Dear Representative Craven and Members of the House Judiciary Committee,

Thank you for taking the time to review this testimony in **Support of** House Bill 6174 on behalf of the *American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG)*. The RI Section of ACOG represents more than 140 physicians and partners in women's health in our state. ACOG is the leading authority on women's health, committed to public policy based on facts and evidence-based medicine.

ACOG has been a leader in protecting access to reproductive health care and ensuring that abortion stays legally accessible. Given the current national climate, there is evidence that abortion providers are at personal risk and this bill is an attempt to provide some protection against backlash and legal risk for individuals prescribing mifepristone, a legal abortion medication.

It is important that providers have the flexibility to take advantage of this labeling law if they desire. We are in agreement with the suggested amended language from Planned Parenthood:

1. Notwithstanding any other provision in this chapter to the contrary, **at the prescriber's request**, the prescription label for medication abortion prescription drugs ~~shall~~ may include the name of the dispensing healthcare practice instead of the name of the dispenser.

These amendments will allow for individual provider discretion. We very much appreciate your consideration of this bill and the amendments. Please let me know if we can provide any further information or clarifications.

Sincerely,

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