

Dear Chair and Members of the House Judiciary Committee:

I am writing in support of H-6174, The Protection of Healthcare Providers Act. This Act provides a simple and unfortunately necessary level of protection for our healthcare providers. There are places in the United States that have curtailed the right to reproductive healthcare and those same jurisdictions have acted with malice toward healthcare providers who lawfully prescribe abortion medication to those seeking reproductive healthcare. Given the tenuousness of legal protections now in evidence at the federal level, it is incumbent on our state and thus through our legislature, to secure these protections for our citizens. This bill, while not directly eliminating the malicious prosecutions underway in other states around reproductive healthcare, limit the exposure to such injustices for those healthcare providers caring for RI. I urge you to take up this Act and send it to the House for what I am confident will be quick passage. Thank you all for your work to keep all of RI safe.

Respectfully, Jocelyn Foye, Executive Director The Womxn Project jocelyn@thewomxnproject.org