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Dear Members of the House Judiciary Committee,

On behalf of Rhode Island Primary Care Physicians Corporation (RIPCPC), I write in support of H 7548, which appropriately protects expressions of apology, sympathy, and compassion made by healthcare providers following an unanticipated medical outcome. This legislation encourages open, honest, and humane communication between providers, patients, and families without fear that such expressions will be misconstrued as admissions of liability. Clear communication and empathy are essential components of high-quality, patient-centered care.

Importantly, H 7548 maintains accountability by preserving the admissibility of statements that acknowledge fault or negligence, while allowing providers to express concern and compassion in difficult moments. We believe this balanced approach will strengthen trust, support transparency, and foster a healthier care environment for patients and providers alike. We respectfully urge your support of this thoughtful and necessary legislation.

Sincerely,
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