

Chairman Corvese and members of the House Labor Committee:

I write to you today in SUPPORT of HB #6066.

This bill known as TCI (Temporary Caregiver Insurance) will expand the category of who a worker can take time to care for to include grandchildren, siblings and care recipients and increase payment to 85% of one's wages..

As the third state in the nation to pass a paid family leave program, Rhode Island once led the way in providing security for workers and their families. However, as other states adopt these programs the standards have been raised, making Rhode Island's benefits greatly insufficient in comparison.

In these challenging times we need to help families care for their loved ones as it may be a better or only solution for their care.

Therefore, I urge your support on HB #6066.

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