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The Honorable Susan Donovan Chair, House Committee on Health & Human Services
State House
82 Smith Street
Providence, RI 02903

**RE: SUPPORT – H7424 – AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS
– COLLABORATIVE PHARMACY PRACTICE**

Dear Chair Donovan and Members of the Committee.

My name is Connor Charbonneau, and I am a fourth-year (P2) Pharm.D. student at the University of Rhode Island. I am writing in support of House Bill 7424, along with its companion bill introduced in the Senate. This legislation modernizes the collaborative pharmacy practice statute in Rhode Island by establishing collaborative practice agreements with licensed providers directly and the removal of the unnecessary board approval processes.

Collaborative pharmacy practice agreements are structured, written arrangements that allow pharmacists with advanced training to initiate, adjust, monitor, or discontinue drug therapy under an agreed-upon protocol. These models are evidence-based and widely utilized across the country to enhance chronic disease management, improve medication safety, and expand access to care.

In practice, administrative delays in approving these agreements can slow patient access to necessary treatment without adding meaningful safety protections. H7424 preserves accountability by requiring formal written agreements, annual review, adherence to established clinical guidelines, and continued board oversight authority if concerns arise. What the bill removes is duplicative pre-approval bureaucracy that can unnecessarily hinder & delay team-based care.

Throughout my training, I have seen how even small administrative barriers can significantly affect patients managing chronic diseases who depend on timely medication adjustments and close follow-up. H7424 streamlines the process while still requiring formal written agreements, appropriate clinical oversight, and clearly defined patient safety protections. By reducing administrative hurdles while maintaining accountability, this legislation strengthens team-based care and improves access to safe, efficient, and high-quality treatment for Rhode Islanders.

Thank you for your consideration.

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