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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 (Solomon) - Collaborative Practice (CPA) Process Improvement

Dear Chair Donovan and members of the Committee:

I am submitting this letter to state my complete support of **H7424**. The act would expand the existing law regarding collaborative practice agreements to allow non-physician healthcare providers to enter into such agreements.

I have practiced as a community pharmacist for 26 years and have appeared before both the Rhode Island Board of Pharmacy and the Board of Medicine to obtain approval for two Collaborative Practice Agreements; one with Visiting Nurse Home & Hospice and the other with Clinica Esperanza. In both instances, our physician champion was fully supportive of expanding pharmacist authority. Despite unanimous support from all parties involved, the extensive and complex approval process resulted in delays to implementing services for patients in need. The current structure creates barriers that slow patient care activities, with Rhode Island being the only state known to require an approval process involving multiple boards. Pharmacists are the medications experts, yielding improved public health and healthy equity throughout our Rhode Island communities.

Sincerely,



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Practice Sites:

Walgreens Pharmacy, Community Pharmacist

Visiting Nurse Home & Hospice, Transition of Care Pharmacist