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The Honorable Chair Susan Donovan, House Committee on Health & Human Services

State House

82 Smith Street

Providence, RI 02903

To the Honorable Members of the House Committee on Health & Human Services:

I am writing to express my strong support for H 7536.

Rhode Island is currently facing a critical shortage of primary care access, leaving many residents without timely medical attention. This bill addresses this crisis by requiring insurance coverage for **essential clinical services performed by pharmacists**—such as health evaluations, medication therapy management, and laboratory test ordering.

Pharmacists are the **most accessible** healthcare providers in our communities. By ensuring they are fairly reimbursed and integrated into medical provider networks, we empower them to provide the care that Rhode Islanders are currently struggling to find elsewhere. I urge the committee to support H 7536 to help alleviate the burden on our strained primary care system.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michelle Caetano". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Michelle Caetano, PharmD

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