



Representative Susan R. Donovan, Chair  
House Committee on Health and Human Services  
State of RI General Assembly  
82 Smith St.  
Providence, RI 02903

March 24, 2026

**RE: Testimony in support of House Bill 7486**

Dear Representatives:

We are writing to ask for your support for the continuation of the primary care preceptorship program, now in its second year and achieving positive results. The primary care training sites program, presently in Governor McKee's budget, which led to the establishment of an office of primary care in the department of health, has distributed funding to healthcare agencies with primary care providers willing to precept nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and medical students. As a direct result of this support, the preceptor workforce has increased by 68%.

This current bill will not only maintain this innovative and successful program, but would allow, and encourage practices recognized as primary care medical home (PCMH) or other acceptable accreditors, decided on after passage of the bill by the office of primary health care, to take students with financial support.

The nurse practitioner programs at the University of RI are constantly searching for qualified primary care and psychiatric providers to supervise students. The financial support provided to primary care sites and preceptors demonstrates respect for the time precepting takes, often requiring an adjustment in the number of patients a provider can see in a day. Particularly relevant is understanding the impact of supporting primary care education and training. Nurse practitioners are not only a growing constituent makeup of the primary care workforce, but they are also the fastest growing profession in the country.

Please remove restrictions to funding for viable primary care practices and support ongoing progress to the education and training of our future primary care provider workforce.

We urge support of this bill.

Sincerely,

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