State of Rhode Island
Lieutenant Governor Sabina Matos

March 24, 2026

Representative Susan R. Donovan
Chair, House Committee on Health and Human Services
82 Smith Street, Room 135
Providence, RI 02903

Re: Letter of Support for H7950: An Act Relating To State Affairs And Government -- The Rhode Island Health Care Reform Act Of 2004 -- Health Insurance Oversight

Dear Representative Donovan

I write to you in support of H7950: An Act Relating To State Affairs And Government -- The Rhode Island Health Care Reform Act Of 2004 -- Health Insurance Oversight. This bill regulates the price increases for prescription drugs.

As the Chair of the Long Term Care Coordinating Council, I work with aging Rhode Islanders across the state to help advocate for their health and wellness needs. An overwhelming concern for these residents is the cost of prescription drugs. When people in our state are choosing between paying their rent or affording their prescription drug prices, we must act to prevent this.

This bill would empower the state to identify unsupported increases in prescription drug prices, defined as an increase in price for a prescription drug for which there was no, or inadequate, new clinical evidence to support the price increase. By doing so, we can help curb the trend of rising prescription drug costs and ensure that any increases are properly justified before the appropriate entity.

For these reasons, I urge you to vote this bill favorably out of committee.

Sincerely,

Sabina Matos
Rhode Island Lieutenant Governor
CC: Rep. Brandon Potter