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The Honorable Susan Donovan
House Committee on Finance Members
82 Smith St., Providence, RI, 02903

SUPPORT H7627

Dear Chairwoman Donovan and Members of the House Health and Human Services Committee,

The Community Provider Network of Rhode Island supports the intent of H7627 to create a pathway for extending Early Intervention (EI) services beyond a child's third birthday. CPNRI represents thirtyfive disability service organizations that support thousands of Rhode Island families supporting children and adults with disabilities, including six on Rhode Islander's EI providers.

We applaud the investments of resources over the past several years to better strengthen Rhode Island's EI system. We are especially grateful to the bill's sponsors, providers, and stakeholders who have worked together to explore solutions that improve continuity of services for young children with developmental delays and disabilities.

CPNRI fully supports the goal of ensuring that children and families experience smoother, more consistent transitions as they age out of EI and into preschool services. Avoiding gaps in care is essential to maintaining developmental progress and stability for families.

At the same time, we recognize that getting the details right is essential. We commend the collaboration that has already occurred to better understand the operational, workforce, and system considerations involved, and we believe that continued partnership will be key to success.

We are committed to continuing to work with the bill's sponsors, Early Intervention providers, and other stakeholders to refine and implement a system that works for everyone. CPNRI is



committed to supporting children and families while also ensuring providers have the capacity and resources needed to deliver high-quality services.

Thank you for your leadership and your commitment to Rhode Island's children and families.

Best,

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