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RI Working Families Party
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To: Representative Susan Donovan, Chair of the House Committee on Health and Human Services; Honorable Members of the House Committee on Health and Human Services

From: Nicole Jellinek, Chair, Rhode Island Coalition for Reproductive Freedom

Date: March 30, 2026

Re: Support for House Bill 8245 RELATING TO INSURANCE -- ACCIDENT AND INSURANCE POLICIES

Dear Members of the House Committee on Health and Human Services,

I am submitting testimony on behalf of the RI Coalition for Reproductive Freedom in support of House Bill 8245. Our Coalition, made up of 29 member organizations, works together to share resources, build strategies and coordinate efforts to connect reproductive freedom with social and economic justice. We recognize real inequalities in our state and we envision a RI where everyone has access to affordable and comprehensive reproductive health care.

As attacks on reproductive and sexual health unceasingly increase on the federal level, states have an obligation to imagine proactive and creative ways to ensure that their residents can maintain the health care that they need. For this reason, we are strongly supportive of this legislation that will require - if the insurer covers this care - the dispensing of a twelve-month supply of hormone therapy medication.

Whether an individual is receiving this care for menopausal treatment, gender-affirming health care, or other reasons, this bill will protect patients by allowing them to personally control a year's supply of these critical prescriptions. Preserving continuity of care, and seeking to minimize disruptions in care, not only promotes the best patient health outcomes but reduces patient burden and ensures a more equitable access to necessary health services. For these reasons, the RICRF urges support for H 8245.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'njellinek', with a long, sweeping tail extending to the right.

Nicole Jellinek, Chair, Rhode Island Coalition for Reproductive Freedom