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RI National Association of Social Workers
RI National Organization for Women
RI Pharmacists Association
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RI State Council of Churches
RI Working Families Party
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Women's Fund of Rhode Island

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 8318 RELATING TO FOOD AND DRUGS -- UNIFORM CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT

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 8318. 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.

Rhode Island has made great strides to protect LGBTQ+ health care and to statutorily enshrine the right to reproductive and sexual health care into our state laws. However, now our state must proactively ensure that the facilitation of this access does not unintentionally undermine the same rights that we fought so hard to preserve.

H 8318 would remove testosterone from being reported to the state Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) - and delete current records on testosterone use from the PDMP - to ensure that federal agents, now or in the future, cannot use such data to infer which Rhode Island residents may be receiving gender-affirming health care. This is a simple bill with an enormously positive impact for patient privacy and autonomy, and one which recognizes that the rights we have sought to codify for all Rhode Islanders must be diligently protected. For this reason we strongly urge support of H 8318.

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