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House Health and Human Services Committee
State of Rhode Island General Assembly
82 Smith Street
Providence, RI 02903

Re: Support HB 7143

Dear Chair Donovan and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of AdvaMed, the MedTech Association, we are writing in support of HB 7143, *An Act Relating To Health And Safety -- Determination Of Need For New Healthcare Equipment And New Institutional Health Services (Repeals The Certificate Of Need Process Statutes Which Are Used By The Department Of Health To Determine The Need For New Health Care Equipment And New Institutional Health Services.)*.

AdvaMed is the largest medical technology association, representing the innovators and manufacturers transforming health care through earlier disease detection, less invasive procedures, and more effective treatments. Our nearly 650 members include manufacturers across the full spectrum of medical technology, including traditional device, diagnostic, medical imaging, and digital health technology companies. Medical devices made by AdvaMed members help patients stay healthier longer, expedite recovery, allow earlier detection of disease, and improve effectiveness and efficiency of treatment.

AdvaMed supports the repeal of Rhode Island's certificate of need (CON) law. During the 1970s, the US Congress required states to adopt CON laws to be eligible to receive certain federal funding, with the hope that it could help control healthcare costs. But Congress quickly realized that they did not serve their intended purpose, and the requirement was repealed in 1986. CON laws broadly create unnecessary barriers to entry and expansion for healthcare facilities, and could potentially stifle more cost-effective, innovative, and higher quality healthcare options, which would all benefit patients. They can also place financial burdens on patients and potentially limit patient access to care.



The repeal of Rhode Island's CON law will allow for more flexibility in healthcare and better serve patients.

Sincerely,



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