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President

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The Honorable Susan R. Donovan  
Chair, House Committee on Health and Human Services  
Rhode Island State House  
82 Smith Street  
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Re: Oppose H.7541

Dear Chairperson Donovan,

On behalf of the Hospital Association of Rhode Island (HARI) and our member hospitals, I respectfully express opposition to H.7541, an act which would require the conversion to renewable energy by hospitals.

Hospital infrastructure in Rhode Island is among the oldest in the country. Most facilities require ongoing upgrades, renovations, and modernization to support efficient operations and high-quality patient care. These investments are essential to sustaining access and meeting evolving standards of care.

H.7541 would create a significant financial barrier to making these necessary investments. By requiring that major renovations and expansions rely exclusively on renewable energy systems, the legislation substantially increases project costs at a time when hospitals are already operating under constrained margins.

As a result, this policy risks delaying—or preventing altogether—critical infrastructure improvements. In effect, the legislation limits the ability of hospitals to reinvest in aging facilities and make the upgrades necessary to maintain safe, modern, and accessible care environments for patients.

In addition, this proposal advances a major system-wide transition without identifying the funding strategies necessary to support it. Absent dedicated funding, incentives, or financing mechanisms, the cost of compliance will fall entirely on hospitals—further straining resources that are already under pressure.

We share the state's interest in advancing sustainability goals. However, mandates of this scale must be aligned with financial reality, infrastructure readiness, and a clear path to implementation. A more flexible, phased approach—paired with defined funding strategies—would better support both environmental progress and healthcare system stability.

HARI respectfully urges the Committee to oppose H.7541.

Thank you for your consideration and continued partnership in supporting a strong and sustainable healthcare system.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa P. Tomasso", is written over a horizontal line.

Lisa P. Tomasso  
Senior Vice President