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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.7937

Dear Chairperson Donovan,

On behalf of the Hospital Association of Rhode Island (HARI) and our member hospitals, we respectfully oppose H.7937, an act related to facility fees.

While we share the goal of affordability and transparency for patients, this legislation takes a one-size-fits-all approach that does not account for the complexity of how care is delivered across healthcare systems today. By prohibiting facility fees for off-campus services and imposing new administrative requirements, including site-specific billing structures and unique NPIs for each location, the bill would significantly disrupt care delivery and reimbursement processes without addressing the underlying drivers of healthcare costs.

Facility fees support the infrastructure, staffing, and regulatory requirements necessary to provide care in outpatient settings. Limiting their use risks undermining access to care, particularly in community-based locations designed to expand capacity and improve convenience for patients.

Rhode Island's healthcare system is already highly regulated, with hospital rate caps that have constrained revenue growth for more than a decade. Additional restrictions risk further destabilizing an already fragile system.

Finally, this issue is already under active review. Governor McKee's Executive Order 26-03 directs the Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner, in coordination with EOHHS, to evaluate the use of facility fees for out-patient and off-campus settings, with recommendations due to the Governor by October 31, 2026.

For these reasons, HARI respectfully urges the Committee to oppose H.7937.

We appreciate your consideration and continued partnership in improving the accessibility, affordability, and stability of Rhode Island's healthcare system.

Sincerely,

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

Lisa P. Tomasso
Senior Vice President