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Dear Honorable Members of the Rhode Island House and Senate,

I urge you: please support legislation H8203, H7272, and H7626.

I write to you not only as a parent, but as a former RN at The Noreen Stonor Drexel Birthing Center at Newport Hospital, and as a patient whose life was saved there.

I delivered both of my children at Newport Hospital. My first delivery was smooth, but within minutes of my son's birth, I experienced a severe postpartum hemorrhage. What followed required immediate recognition, rapid coordination, emergency surgery, and blood transfusions—all within a matter of minutes.

Because of the skill, preparation, and seamless teamwork of that unit, I am here today. That same care not only saved my life, but preserved my ability to have another child. Two years later, I returned to safely deliver my second baby in the same place.

I have seen this unit from both sides—as a nurse and as a patient. I know firsthand that the level of care provided at The Birthing Center is exceptional, and that outcomes like mine depend on having a highly trained, coordinated team available without delay.

Closing this center would mean that families facing emergencies like mine could be farther from the care they need in the moments that matter most. Minutes are not theoretical in obstetrics—they are everything.

Please protect this essential resource for our community. The Birthing Center at Newport Hospital saves lives. I am living proof of that.

Respectfully,

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