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Dear Honorable Members of the Rhode Island House and Senate,

I urge you: please support legislation H8203, H7272, and H7626. Access to care for expectant parents and their babies is non-negotiable, especially in the Newport area.

I am writing as a father whose experience at The Birthing Center during the birth of my first child is something I will never forget.

What began as a joyful, smooth delivery quickly turned into the scariest moments of my life when my wife experienced a severe postpartum hemorrhage and was rushed into emergency surgery. In an instant, I went from celebrating the birth of my son to facing the very real fear of losing my wife.

In that moment, the team at The Birthing Center recognized that I, too, needed care and support. A nurse stayed with me in the room as I held my newborn son, helping me navigate those overwhelming first hours. She kept me informed with honesty and compassion, answered my questions, and made sure I was not alone.

She even helped me feed my son his first feeding using colostrum my wife had prepared prenatally—something I would not have been able to manage on my own in that moment. That small act brought a sense of calm and connection during an otherwise terrifying time.

Because of the skill and coordination of the medical team, my wife survived. Because of the compassion of the nursing staff, I was able to care for my son and get through those critical hours.

The Birthing Center at Newport Hospital does more than deliver babies—it supports entire families through their most vulnerable moments. These bills would ensure the long-term support for departments like this state-wide.

Please protect this essential resource for our community and for the State of Rhode Island.

Respectfully,
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