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Good afternoon:

I am writing this letter in support of the Newport Hospital Birthing Center. specifically bills H8203,H7272 and H7627.

Brown Health needs to keep this important place open. The birthing unit is the only one located on Aquidneck Island and I believe it is a necessary part of the Newport community. Families and the community will have to pay the price if the Birthing unit is closed.

I worked at Newport hospital emergency department as an RN for 20 years. In that time, I personally saw the need for the Birthing unit as I assisted in births that came to fast. Without the birthing unit staff these Mothers and babies would be at incredible risk

I respectively urge passage of these important bills.

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