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President

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

Re: Support H.7273 Interstate Medical Licensure Compact

Dear Chairperson Donovan,

The Hospital Association of Rhode Island and its members support H.7273, which would expedite full implementation of the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact (IMLC) in Rhode Island by July 1, 2026.

Although Rhode Island joined the Compact in 2022, it has not yet been operationalized, and patients have not realized its intended benefits. H.7273 establishes a firm timeline and directs the Department of Health and the Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner to finalize the necessary regulations to ensure meaningful participation.

Timely implementation is essential to:

- **Expand access to specialty care** by reducing barriers for out-of-state physicians to provide telemedicine services to Rhode Islanders with rare or complex conditions.
- **Strengthen telemedicine access** statewide, particularly for rural residents and those with mobility limitations.
- **Relieve pressure on our healthcare workforce** by allowing greater flexibility in physician licensure and reducing patient wait times.
- **Modernize Rhode Island's regulatory framework** to align with a multi-state healthcare delivery model.

H.7273 fulfills the promise of the state's 2022 decision to join the Compact by ensuring increased access, choice, and improved patient outcomes. We respectfully urge the Committee to support this measure and establish a clear deadline for implementation.

Sincerely,

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

Lisa P. Tomasso
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