

House Committee Health and Human Services
RI State House
82 Smith Street
Providence RI 02903

April 14, 2026

Re: Testimony in Opposition to House Bill 7740 entitled An act relating to the business and professions - nurses

Dear Chairperson Donovan and members of the HHS Committee,

My name is Kristin Soccio and I'm currently employed as a Certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner in the State of Rhode Island. In conjunction with Linda Snelling MD, a double board-certified Intensive Care Pediatric Physician and Anesthesiologist, I organized the pediatric sedation program at Hasbro Children's Hospital in 2007. I have worked in this department since then (19yrs). We have had an impeccable safety record with no sentinel events in the entirety of the program (almost 25yrs).

I strongly oppose House Bill 7740 entitled "An act relating to the business and professions-nurses" for many reasons, but mostly because it is immoral and unethical as it ultimately seeks to restrict patient/family access to critical health services that are delivered by nurses and nurse practitioners in countless clinical settings across the state. Rhode Island is experiencing a health care crisis and passage of this bill would result in significantly worsening the current situation.

I urge you to vote against bill 7740.

Thank you for your time and the opportunity to speak against bill 7740. I am happy to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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