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The Honorable Susan are Donovan
Chair,
House committee on health and human services.
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Submitted electronically to: HouseHealthandHumanServices@rilegislature.gov

From: Rhode Island Academy of Physician Assistants

Re house, Bill H-7741
Poition Support

Dear chair, Donovan and members of the committee.

On behalf of the over 1000 licensed PAs in Rhode Island we would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on this Bill.

The RIAPA fully supports this legislation. We do, however, need to point out that there are some technical errors that need to be corrected.

It appears that in the drafting process there was text that was copied from the physicians section of the bill and pasted into the physician assistance section. In doing this, there are a few places that were not properly edited.

Specifically, on page 12 line 23–24 the disciplinary body is identified as the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline. This is incorrect. Rhode Island law 5–54 establishes that physician assistants are disciplined by the Board of Licensure of Physician Assistants. Similarly on page 12 lines 31 refers to “osteopathic and allopathic physicians” As this section refers specifically to physician assistants this is also incorrect.

In order to correct these oversight, we respectfully suggest that the following edits be made:

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Page 12 lines 23–24 strike "Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline " and replaced with "Board of licensure of Physician Assistants"

Page 12 line 34 strike "osteopathic or allopathic physician "and insert physician assistant"
Thank you for your consideration

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