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The Honorable Susan Donovan Chair, House Committee on Health & Human Services

RI State House
82 Smith Street
Providence, RI 02903

RE: H7921 – AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS –
PHARMACISTS TEST-AND-TREAT AUTHORITY ACT

Dear Chair Donovan and members of the Committee:

My name is Joseph Honig. I am currently a practicing pharmacist at Brown University Health and President of the RI Pharmacists Association. **I am writing for the full support of H7921 – AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS – PHARMACISTS TEST-AND-TREAT AUTHORITY ACT as a practicing pharmacist and on behalf of the RI Pharmacist Organization.**

This bill would dramatically increase the access Rhode Islanders have to services relating to infectious disease testing and other CLIA-waived tests. Rhode Islanders would no longer have to wait in lengthy ED or urgent care queues to receive guideline directed medication therapy for treatment of their acute conditions. The most important piece of this bill is the payment for services pharmacists would be able to bill to insurance companies. This would help support the implementation of these services thereby expanding access to care and improving the number of providers accessible to Rhode Islanders.

In my current role, I see the burden of our ongoing provider shortage in Rhode Island. Breaking down barriers to life saving medication improves patient outcomes, gives patients and their families piece of mind, and cuts down on emergency healthcare expenditures.

Thank you for your time.

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