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Dear Chairwoman Donovan,

My name is Ariana Africo and I am a Physician Assistant working at Hasbro Emergency Department. I am writing to you today to respectfully request your support for HB-7935.

This bill is being submitted to help clarify the definition of "collaboration" for PAs. It also adds a needed clause for criminal background checks that are required for PAs to participate in the multi-state licensing compact. It clarifies and adjusts the required CME cycle to match the biannual licensing cycle at the DOH. It prohibits restrictive covenants which allows me flexibility should I desire to change jobs. Lastly, it adds PAs to the "School and Youth Concussion Act" and the "Sudden Cardiac Arrest Prevention Act".

These changes would continue to enhance PAs practice by removing restrictions and enhancing access to healthcare for Rhode Islanders.

Thank you for your consideration and hopefully support of HB-7935.

Sincerely,

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