



**State of Rhode Island
Lieutenant Governor Sabina Matos**

April 14, 2026

The Hon. Susan Donovan
Chair, House Committee on Health and Human Services
82 Smith Street, House Lounge
Providence, RI 02903

RE: Letter of Support for H8366: An Act Relating To Health And Safety -- Automated External Defibrillators Required At Public Places And Healthcare Facilities

Dear Chair Donovan:

I write to you in support on H8366: An Act Relating To Health And Safety -- Automated External Defibrillators Required At Public Places And Healthcare Facilities. This bill adds centers for independent living pursuant to § 42-12.2-2 to the healthcare facilities required to have automated external defibrillators on site.

As the Chair of the Long-Term Care Coordinating Council, I work with care providers, advocates, and state agencies across Rhode Island to champion the need of older residents and people living with disabilities in need of long-term care. It is crucial that we ensure that all people in long-term care facilities have access to the equipment they need to respond to medical situations as they arrive. This bill makes a small change to the Health and Safety Act by ensuring that independent living facilities are also required to have defibrillators on site.

I humbly urge you to vote this bill favorably out of committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sabina Matos". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sabina Matos
Lieutenant Governor, State of Rhode Island
CC: Representative Richard Fascia