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Dear Chair Donovan and Members, House Health and Human Services Committee

Re: Support for H8500

The Senior Agenda Coalition of RI (SACRI) supports H8500 introduced by Representatives Donovan, Speakman, Boylan, McGaw, Cotter, Carson, Kislak, Potter, Giraldo and Stewart on behalf of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services.

SACRI's mission is to mobilize people to implement an agenda that improves the quality of life of older Rhode Islanders and adults with disabilities. We accomplish this through *community organizing, public education, advocacy, and legislative action*. Addressing healthcare including long term care access and quality is a priority concern for SACRI. It is particularly important as the vast majority of healthcare spending for older adults is through government programs such as Medicare and Medicaid. The Medicaid cost per-beneficiary-per-month (PBPM) cost of caring for older adults in RI more than double the composite average of all other Medicaid populations with much of this spending for long term care. It is therefore of paramount importance that there be adequate fiscal integrity and accountability for this spending.

H8500 adds to the duties of the EOHHS Secretary the responsibility to promote fiscal integrity, transparency, and accountability in the state's healthcare system. It adds a new chapter on Healthcare Entity Fiscal Integrity, Transparency and Accountability that requires licensed hospitals, nursing facilities, federally qualified health centers and certified community behavioral health clinics to submit quarterly financial reports which would be used to assess and analyze the information to make findings of financial risk or imminent financial jeopardy. The legislation also authorizes the secretary to require a corrective action plan to address the financial risk, imminent financial jeopardy or other noteworthy finding.

Given the fact that substantial state and federal funds support these entities and recent examples with Charter Care hospitals and several nursing facilities entering receivership with the extremely negative impacts on patients, residents and staff it is such important that the state have the authority to require submission of the required financial reports for review and to require corrective actions be taken to avoid serious consequences to the state's healthcare system if financial distress is not identified early on and appropriate steps taken to address them.

Sincerely,
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