



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

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**To:** The Honorable Raymond E. Gallison, Jr.  
Chairman, House Finance Committee

The Honorable Daniel DaPonte  
Chairman, Senate Finance Committee

**From:** Thomas A. Mullaney *Thomas A. Mullaney*  
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**Date:** March 31, 2015

**Subject:** Amendment to the FY 2016 Appropriations Act (15-H-5900)

The Governor requests that Article 18 entitled "Relating to Division of Advocacy" be withdrawn from the FY 2016 Appropriations Act. The article would have consolidated several advocacy agencies into a new division within the Executive Office of Health and Human Services. After further discussion of this proposal with the respective advocates and hearing their concerns, the Governor has decided not to move forward with this article. Although providing more administrative support to these independent agencies will still be pursued, the establishment of a new Division of Advocacy is not deemed to be necessary. The FY 2016 Budget assumed approximately \$54,000 in general revenue savings from implementing the proposal.

If you have any questions regarding this amendment, please feel free to call me or my staff at 222-6300.

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