

**RHODE ISLAND**  
**PHYSICIANS CORPORATION**  
**PRIMARY CARE**

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Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

My name is Noah Benedict, and I serve as the CEO and President of the Rhode Island Primary Care Physicians Corporation, representing 170 primary care providers across the State of Rhode Island. I am writing to express my strong support for House Bill H-7127, which provides critical resources to sustain and strengthen the Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner (OHIC).

OHIC plays a vital role in ensuring a balanced, fair, and effective health care system in Rhode Island. Its mission to improve access, affordability, and quality of care is essential not only for patients but also for the providers who serve them. By protecting the interests of consumers of health insurance and encouraging fair treatment of health care providers, OHIC helps maintain a system where patients can receive timely, appropriate care and providers can continue to deliver it sustainably.

From the perspective of primary care, OHIC's oversight and regulatory work are indispensable. Our members regularly navigate complex interactions with insurers, and OHIC provides an important layer of accountability, helping ensure transparency, fairness, and consistency. This is especially critical at a time when primary care practices are under significant financial and administrative strain.

H-7127 represents a necessary investment in maintaining OHIC's strength, independence, and oversight. By providing the office with adequate resources, this legislation will help safeguard consumers, support primary care providers, improve system-wide performance, and ensure the ongoing solvency and stability of health insurers. These are all foundational elements of a high-functioning health care system.

The work of OHIC ultimately benefits all Rhode Islanders. Strong regulatory oversight promotes a more equitable health care marketplace and supports the long-term sustainability of our health care infrastructure.

On behalf of the 170 primary care providers we represent, I respectfully urge your support for H-7127.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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