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Rhode Island General Assembly
Senate Finance Committee
82 Smith Street
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Chairman DiPalma and Members of the Senate Finance Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this letter in support of the \$400,000 included in H7127 for the GO TEAM® program within the Department of Public Safety, and I respectfully urge the Committee to increase this allocation to \$760,000 in the FY27 budget to allow for expansion into six additional Rhode Island communities, including New Shoreham. For communities like mine, this expansion would be a critical addition, strengthening public safety and ensuring residents have access to immediate, trauma-informed crisis support when it matters most.

For more than two decades, the GO TEAM® partnership between Family Service of Rhode Island and local law enforcement has provided 24/7, trauma-informed crisis response for victims of crime, especially children, through joint, on-scene responses. This model supports both victims and officers, ensuring immediate stabilization and follow-up services at moments of crisis. The program has proven its value repeatedly, including during recent mass violence incidents, and is widely regarded as best practice at the state and national level.

Expanding the GO TEAM® will allow more communities to access this effective, compassionate response when it is needed most. I strongly support the \$760,000 investment and urge the Committee to advance this funding.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alana DiMario".

Alana DiMario