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Chairman DiPalma and Members of the Senate Finance Committee:

I am writing in strong support of the \$400,000 included in H7127 for the GO TEAM® program within the Department of Public Safety. **I respectfully urge the Committee to increase this allocation to \$760,000 in the FY27 budget** to enable expansion into six additional Rhode Island communities, including Jamestown, while maintaining the successful partnership in Newport and the other communities.

Expanding the GO TEAM® program to additional communities would significantly strengthen public safety in municipalities like Jamestown and Newport. Access to immediate, trauma-informed crisis response is not a luxury, it is essential. This investment would ensure that residents, particularly children and families experiencing crisis, receive timely, compassionate 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 delivered proven, 24/7 on-scene crisis intervention for victims of crime, particularly children exposed to violence and trauma. This co-response model not only strengthens outcomes for victims by providing immediate stabilization and continuity of care, but also supports officers in managing complex, high-stress situations. Its effectiveness is well established, with measurable success in reducing repeat police calls, limiting youth hospitalization and juvenile justice involvement, and preventing re-victimization, while also building trust between law enforcement and the communities they serve. The program's impact during recent mass violence incidents further underscores its value and reinforces its standing as a best practice at both the state and national levels. Expanding GO TEAM® to additional municipalities will extend these proven benefits to more Rhode Islanders. This investment will allow more communities to implement a model that is both compassionate and effective, ultimately strengthening public safety statewide.

**I strongly urge the Committee to support an increased allocation of \$760,000 in the FY27 budget to sustain and expand this critical program.**

Thank you for your consideration and your continued commitment to the safety and well-being of Rhode Island's communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dawn Euer".

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