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Rhode Island General Assembly
Senate and House Finance Committees
82 Smith Street
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Dear Committee Members,

I am writing to express my strong support for continued and expanded funding for the Family Service of Rhode Island (FSRI) GO TEAM® program as included in H7127, and specifically to support the requested increase to \$760,000 in the FY27 budget.

The GO TEAM® model represents a proven and effective partnership between law enforcement and trauma-informed professionals, providing immediate on-scene crisis response and support to victims—particularly children exposed to violence and traumatic events. This nationally recognized initiative has demonstrated meaningful outcomes, including strengthening trust between law enforcement and the communities we serve, reducing repeat calls for service, and improving outcomes for victims and families.

From a policing perspective, this collaboration is critical. Officers are often the first to respond to highly emotional and complex situations involving victims of trauma. Having trained clinicians available to provide immediate support allows officers to focus on safety and investigative responsibilities, while ensuring victims receive the care and stabilization they need at a critical moment.

The proposed expansion of the GO TEAM® program to additional municipalities, including South Kingstown, presents a significant opportunity to enhance public safety and strengthen community trust. Expanding this program will allow more communities to benefit from a model that has already proven effective across Rhode Island, while increasing the number of children and families served and improving overall system outcomes.

Based on the demonstrated impact of the program and the clear need for expanded trauma-informed response capabilities, I fully support the request to increase funding to \$760,000. This is a sound investment in both public safety and community well-being.

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued support of initiatives that strengthen our communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Matthew C. Moynihan".

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