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President

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The Honorable Louis P. DiPalma
Chairman, House Committee on Finance
Rhode Island State House
82 Smith Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Re: Support S.2811 – RI Protect Our Healthcare Act 2026

Dear Chairman DiPalma,

On behalf of the Hospital Association of Rhode Island, I write to express support for S.2811, the *Rhode Island Protect Our Healthcare Act of 2026*.

This legislation recognizes a fundamental challenge facing Rhode Island's healthcare system: individuals who lack affordable coverage still require care, and providers across the system—particularly hospitals, community health centers, and free clinics—continue to serve as the safety net regardless of a patient's ability to pay.

The bill establishes a structured framework to improve access to care for uninsured Rhode Islanders, including the creation of a governing board, stakeholder advisory input, and a process to better align existing programs and resources.

We appreciate the bill's emphasis on coordination, transparency, and stakeholder engagement, and we support continued efforts to strengthen access to care across the healthcare system.

We look forward to working with the Administration and the General Assembly on the continued development and implementation of this proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa P. Tomasso", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Lisa P. Tomasso
Senior Vice President