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To: Senate Committee on Finance  
From: Brown University Health  
Date: June 2, 2026  
Subject: Support for S 3330

Dear Chairman DiPalma and members of the Finance Committee:

[Brown University Health](#) is Rhode Island's largest health system and its largest employer, serving patients across a comprehensive and integrated network of care. With over 1,620 patient care offices and locations, including our six hospitals in Rhode Island and Massachusetts, we are committed to delivering high-quality, patient-centered care in every community we serve. As a leading academic and clinical health system, we attract world-class physicians, researchers, and healthcare professionals, fostering innovation, advancing medical education, and ensuring access to cutting-edge treatments. Our health system plays a critical role in strengthening the region's healthcare infrastructure, driving economic growth, and improving the overall health and well-being of the populations we serve.

**On behalf of Brown University Health, I write to express support for S 3330 by Senator Tikoian and express appreciation for introducing this bill.**

Brown Health is supportive of legislation that seeks to ensure that any Medicaid savings resulting from Medicaid enrollment reductions should remain within the healthcare system and be reinvested into the providers caring for Rhode Islanders. As federal policy changes under H.R. 1 are expected to reduce Medicaid coverage and increase uncompensated care, hospitals and providers have been and will continue to face growing financial pressures while still delivering essential services to patients regardless of their ability to pay. S 3330 appropriately recognizes that reduced Medicaid enrollment does not reduce the need for healthcare — it simply shifts the burden onto the healthcare delivery system.

Reinvesting these enrollment-driven savings into Medicaid reimbursement rates for hospitals, physicians, and community health centers would help stabilize Rhode Island's healthcare infrastructure and preserve access to care for vulnerable populations. At a time of significant uncertainty surrounding federal Medicaid funding, it is critical that these dollars stay within healthcare and support the systems that continue to provide care to Medicaid patients and underserved communities across the state.

Thank you for your consideration and if you have any questions or would like to learn more about the work we are doing, please feel free to reach out to me at [DBalasco@BrownHealth.org](mailto:DBalasco@BrownHealth.org).

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David A. Balasco".

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