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**To:** Senator Melissa Murray, Chair of the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services; Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services

**From:** Nicole Jellinek, Chair, Rhode Island Coalition for Reproductive Freedom

**Date:** March 3, 2026

**Re:** Support for Senate Bill 2033 RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS -- PROTECTIONS OF HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS ACT

Dear Members of the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services,

I am submitting testimony on behalf of the RI Coalition for Reproductive Freedom in support of Senate Bill 2033. Our Coalition, made up of 29 member organizations, works together to share resources, build strategies and coordinate efforts to connect reproductive freedom with social and economic justice. We recognize real inequalities in our state and we envision a RI where everyone has access to affordable and comprehensive reproductive health care. This bill expands on the work that the Rhode Island General Assembly has previously enacted to protect providers of critical reproductive health care services and allows for providers of medication abortion services to request anonymity when prescribing mifepristone or misoprostol.

**We support this legislation with one amendment: the House version of this legislation (H 7185) includes "...at the prescriber's request" in lines 4-5. This language should be incorporated into S 2033 to both match the House version of the bill and to reflect the full discretion of the prescriber.**

As attacks on both abortion services and abortion providers mount nationally, it is the responsibility of states to maintain safe environments for these providers to continue to serve their patients. In 2024, our state passed the Health Care Provider Shield Act to legally protect providers of reproductive and gender affirming health care. S 2033 is a logical next step to keep providers safe and ensure that providers remain in a position where they can continue to serve their clients within their best professional assessments.

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Nicole Jellinek, Chair, Rhode Island Coalition for Reproductive Freedom