



The Substance Use and  
Mental Health Leadership Council of RI

March 26, 2026

The Honorable Senator Melissa A. Murray  
Chair of the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services  
82 Smith Street  
Providence, RI 02903

Re: Support for Senate Bill 2109 - Benefit Determination and Utilization Review Act

Dear Chair Murray and Members of the Committee:

I am writing to request your support for Senate Bill 2109, which would prohibit prior authorization and certain utilization review barriers for medications used to treat opioid and alcohol use disorders.

(Thank Senator Lori Urso for introducing the legislation.)

I would like to thank the committee for their consideration. Please if I can supply you with answers to any questions, if you have them please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Respectfully,

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