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Subject: Support for S2116

TO: Chairwoman Melissa Murray and members of the SENATE Health & Human Services Committee

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CC: Sen. Pamela Lauria

FROM: Captain Chris Isleib, USN/Retired, Town of Barrington Veterans Advisory Committee

RE: Support for S2116

DATE: 1 March 2026

Chairwoman Murray and honorable members of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee:

My name is Captain Chris Isleib, USN/Retired, and I live in Barrington.

I am writing to urge you to support S2116 (Urso), which would permit a nurse who has the appropriate knowledge and can demonstrate clinical competency to provide routine home foot care services.

This bill corrects an important administrative health oversight. Rhode Islanders deserve access to safe, routine foot care in the home. Aging in place often requires family caregivers to step in and provide personal care for loved ones, including routine foot care. Family members often lack skill, knowledge, and confidence in safely providing this care.

Bear in mind that a huge majority of our seniors, and our senior veterans, are on blood-thinning drugs - warfarin and others are among the most-prescribed pharmaceuticals in America. I, myself, take them. These drugs are awesome at preventing stroke, however these blood thinners leave our seniors open to excessive bleeding in case of even minor injury. Foot/toe injury is a particular vulnerability for them. Providing qualified foot care is very important for those on blood thinners.

Passing this bill and allowing nurses to fill this gap is the humane thing to do to promote the health and wellness of the most vulnerable in our state. Residents and their caregivers in RI

deserve access to these services. Rhode Island is the only state in the country preventing trained nurses from providing this care.

A nearly identical bill passed in the House in 2025. Please pass this bill out of committee and to the Senate floor with a recommendation for passage.

Very respectfully,

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