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The Honorable Melissa A. Murray, Chair
Senate Committee on Health and Human Services
State House, 82 Smith Street
Providence, RI 02903
via email: Sen-Murray@rilegislature.gov
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RE: S-2116 – BUSINESSES & PROFESSIONS – NURSES

Dear Chairwoman Murray:

I write today in support of S-2116 – Relating to Businesses and Professions – Nurses. The Office of Healthy Aging is charged with advocating for Rhode Island's older adults and adults living with disabilities, ensuring they can live fulfilling lives in the communities of their choosing. This legislation would allow certified nurses to perform routine preventive and maintenance foot care at home. Foot care is crucial for people living with diabetes, arthritis, and other underlying blood and vascular conditions; these conditions are more prevalent in the older adult population. Making foot care more accessible can prevent health complications and prevent or delay admission to more restrictive and costly living environments, like long term care facilities. The Office of Healthy Aging acknowledges that the Rhode Island Department of Health is responsible for oversight and safety related to these services, and we defer to them on the technical implementation of this program.

As always, I thank you for your partnership and consideration of this letter, and I urge the committee to support this bill. Your leadership and advocacy for Rhode Island's older adults, adults living with disabilities, and their families are appreciated.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Maria E. Cimini".

Maria E. Cimini
Director

CC: The Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services
The Honorable Lori Urso
Kristen Silvia, Senate Director of Legislation and Deputy Chief of Staff