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Dear Members of the Senate,

I am writing to express my strong support for Rhode Island Bill S2386, which seeks to recognize pharmacists as providers and enable reimbursement for the clinical services they deliver. This legislation represents an important step toward improving access to care, strengthening our healthcare workforce, and enhancing patient outcomes across Rhode Island.

Pharmacists play a critical role in patient care, including medication management, chronic disease monitoring, preventative care services, transitions of care, and medication safety. Despite this, pharmacists are often unable to bill for these services, creating barriers to expanding access and fully utilizing their expertise. Granting provider status would help remove these barriers and allow pharmacists to contribute more effectively to addressing healthcare gaps, particularly in underserved and rural communities.

Additionally, pharmacist-provided services have been shown to improve patient outcomes, reduce hospital readmissions, and lower overall healthcare costs. Recognizing pharmacists as providers aligns with efforts to improve care coordination and maximize the value of the healthcare team.

I respectfully urge you to support Bill S2386 and help advance patient access to high-quality, team-based care in Rhode Island. Thank you for your time and consideration of this important legislation.

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