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The Honorable Melissa A. Murray, Chair  
Senate Committee on Health and Human Services  
State House  
82 Smith St.  
Providence, RI 02903

**RE: S 2459 – An Act Relating to Health and Safety -- Rhode Island Ban on the Corporate Practice of Medicine Act**

Dear Chair Murray:

Please accept this letter regarding S 2459, legislation that would establish the *Rhode Island Ban on the Corporate Practice of Medicine Act*, and the *Rhode Island Transparency in Ownership and Control of Healthcare Facilities Act*. This legislation would both regulate the ownership of medical practices by unlicensed corporate and other business entities and require reporting of ownership and control of healthcare facilities in the State. These acts would take effect upon passage.

The Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) applauds the intent of the bill which is ultimately aimed at reducing control by entities that may prioritize profits over ensuring quality healthcare services and patient well-being and safety. However, as drafted, S 2459 is a complex bill.

RIDOH requires additional time to properly analyze this legislation. When our analysis is complete, we look forward to communicating any concerns or suggestions directly to the sponsor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jerome M. Larkin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jerome M. Larkin, MD  
Director

CC: The Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services  
The Honorable Linda L. Ujifusa  
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