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Rhode Island Senate Committee on Health and Human Services

Re: Opposition to 26-S 2459

Dear Chair Murray and Members of the Committee:

The Rhode Island Primary Care Physicians Corporation writes today to share its opposition to 26-S 2459 as it is currently written. As is well known, Rhode Island is experiencing a severe primary care shortage. This is a serious problem that affects all Rhode Islanders. While we recognize that the spirit of 26-S 2459 as drafted is well intended, we cannot support the legislation as proposed. The bill states that it seeks to provide transparency when it comes to the ownership of healthcare entities. That is a laudable goal. However, this legislation, as drafted, will likely cause unintended consequences that harm Rhode Islanders' access to primary care and will worsen the current rate crisis that the healthcare community faces.

We welcome a meaningful dialogue as it relates to 26-S 2459. As a stakeholder in the primary care field, the Rhode Island Primary Care Physicians Corporation stands ready to offer our insight and expertise as this committee conducts its work in vetting 26-S 2459 and other healthcare legislation over the course of this session.

Very truly yours,

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