



May 5, 2026

The Honorable Melissa A. Murray, Chairwoman
Senate Health and Human Services Committee
State House
Providence, RI 02903

Re: S.2461, An Act Relating to Insurance – Unfair Claims Settlement Practices Act
S.2887, An Act Relating to Insurance – Accident and Sickness Insurance Policies – Dental
Insurance Coverage

Dear Chairwoman Murray,

The undersigned members of the Rhode Island Business Coalition are writing to express our concerns regarding the above-referenced bills that would impact the ability of dental insurers to establish provider networks.

Insurers establish provider networks to offer their members a broad array of quality providers to access care. Strong provider networks allow dental insurance carriers the ability to offer more affordable premiums to employers and individuals. In addition, dental plan members know they are receiving care from credentialed providers, and that there's an ongoing review of the quality of care provided.

Rhode Islanders are fortunate to have broad access to in-network dental providers across the state. These bills would significantly impact the ability of dental insurers to maintain their networks as there would be less of an incentive for dentists to remain in-network.

The affordability of dental and health insurance is a significant concern for Rhode Island employers. We ask that the General Assembly take additional time to ensure a robust analysis of these bills to ensure they improve the healthcare system and address rising costs.

Sincerely,

David Chenevert, Chairman, Rhode Island Business Coalition
Associated Builders and Contractors – Rhode Island Chapter
Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Rhode Island

The Rhode Island Business Coalition represents 50 industries and 6,280 businesses that employ 231,200 people throughout Rhode Island.

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Rhode Island Small Business Economic Summit Tax and Budget Committee

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cc. Senate Health and Human Services Committee members