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To Whom It May Concern:

Hi, my name is Dr. Alexander Lee and I am writing on behalf of myself and the other providers at Blackstone Valley Pediatrics with offices in Cumberland and North Smithfield, Rhode Island. As a pediatrician, it has been frustratingly difficult over the past few years to help the children in my practice who need mental health services. Due to the health care crisis we are facing, there are long wait times and poor availability for in-person mental health care for children. We pediatricians in Rhode Island have been forced to intervene with treatments and medications despite not having any formal training.

The PediPRN service has been a godsend as their consultations, management advice and assistance with difficult high-risk patients have helped us bridge the care for our patients as they await placement with professional mental health care providers. We find their advice invaluable and the prospect of their closure would leave the children in Rhode Island with no safe options for interim care while they await placement.

Please, I urge you to consider the continuation of PediPRN as this is a valuable resource for mental health for the children of Rhode Island.

Sincerely,



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