

April 2, 2026

To: Chair Senator Murray and The Senate Members of the Honorable Committee of Health and Human Services:

**Re: S 2562**

My name is Kerri Cassino, a mom advocate and I support passage of **Bill S 2562**.

I believe that extra layers of our healthcare system, especially with mental health would strengthen our Rhode Island community.

Scaffolding and building up mental health (Statewide psychiatry, resource network) services by adding telehealth, Moms-PRN and Pedi-PRN would build a foundation of care, that would prove invaluable.

I am writing this testimony to support **S 2562** as a mom advocate, a caregiver and someone who sees firsthand how medically necessary it is to keep improving ways to support mental health systems.

Thank you for considering my testimony and hope you can join me in support.

Warmly,

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