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Dear Senator Murray and Members of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee, I am writing in support of Senate bill 2562, to fund the PediPRN program and to make it part of state law. I am a child psychiatrist at Brown University Health (for nearly 32 years), and I consult with pediatricians and other primary care providers through PediPRN. Our primary care colleagues love and depend on this program, and I can hear how worried they are that they may lose it. It extends scarce child psychiatry expertise to many more children than can actually see one of us for ongoing care. PCP's, kids, and their families get prompt specialty advice they may be unable to access any other way. Losing this service would leave a gaping hole in Rhode Island mental health care capacity at a critical time. I urge you to pass this bill and keep PediPRN and MomsPRN funded.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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