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The Honorable Melissa A. Murray, Chair
Senate Committee on Health and Human Services
State House
82 Smith St.
Providence, RI 02903

RE: S 2570 - An Act Relating to Health and Safety – Department of Health

Dear Chair Murray:

Please accept this letter of support for S 2570, legislation that would require all healthcare providers and healthcare facilities that employ artificial intelligence (AI) to document in-person or telehealth visits to notify patients of the use of AI for that sole purpose. This act would take effect upon passage.

The proposed legislation will help ensure that patients are notified of the use of AI by healthcare providers and healthcare facilities when it is used for the sole purpose of documenting a patient visit, e.g., via transcription of verbal comments made by the practitioner. Informing patients about the use of AI tools to document their visits ensures transparency for patients. While there are clearly additional potential uses for AI in healthcare, this bill ensures that patients will be informed that AI is being used in the documentation of their visits, a practice that is already commonplace in Rhode Island.

The bill would be strengthened by including language to indicate that ultimately, the provider is responsible for reviewing the AI-generated documentation for accuracy. Ensuring that patients are notified about the use of AI in their healthcare benefits both patients and healthcare providers by fostering more informed and engaged patients. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jerome M. Larkin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jerome M. Larkin, MD
Director

CC: The Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services
The Honorable Pamela J. Lauria
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