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The Honorable Melissa Murray Donovan

State House

82 Smith Street

Providence, RI 02903

RE: S2866 – RELATING TO BUSEINESSES AND PROFESSIONS – COLLABORATIVE
PHARMACY PRACTICE

Dear Chair Murray and members of the Committee:

My name is Joseph Honig. I am currently a practicing pharmacist in the state of Rhode Island and President of the RI Pharmacists Association. **I am writing for the full support of S2866 – RELATING TO BUSEINESSES AND PROFESSIONS – COLLABORATIVE PHARMACY PRACTICE as a practicing pharmacist and on behalf of the RI Pharmacist Organization.**

This bill would increase the access to care for Rhode Islanders and improve patient care. As a practicing pharmacist in a specialty clinic in Rhode Island, preventing barriers to the implementation of collaborative practice agreements would improve the care our team provides to patients.

In my current role, I experience firsthand the delays to drug therapy due to having collaborative practice agreements needing several levels of approval AFTER the agreement has been signed by the providers and pharmacists in our practice setting. Breaking down the barriers to pharmacists working collaboratively in a mutually agreed upon collaborative practice agreement will reduce the delay in patients getting medications prescribed and ordered, improve patient care by enhancing access to care, and improve outcomes for patients.

Pharmacists working collaboratively with providers should not be delayed due to several levels of approval needed.

Thank you for your time.

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