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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 2866 – An Act Relating to Businesses and Professions -- Collaborative Pharmacy Practice**

Dear Chair Murray:

Please accept this letter of support for S 2866, legislation that would expand the existing law regarding collaborative practice agreements between pharmacists and physicians to allow other healthcare professionals to enter into such agreements. The Act would take effect on July 1, 2026.

The proposed legislation would allow prescribing providers and pharmacists within a practice to develop collaborative practice agreements without the requirement to submit those agreements to a Collaborative Practice Committee, the Director of the Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH), or to the medical or pharmacy boards. This will relieve administrative burdens on medical practices, foster multidisciplinary care for Rhode Islanders, and encourage innovation in healthcare.

RIDOH supports this bill as written and is appreciative of the opportunity to comment on this legislation.

Sincerely,

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

Jerome M. Larkin, MD  
Director

CC: The Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services  
The Honorable Bridget Valverde  
Kristen Silvia, Director of Legislation and Deputy Chief of Staff  
Patricia Resende, Director of Senate Policy

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