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

RE: S2866 – RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS – COLLABORATIVE PHARMACY PRACTICE –
SUPPORT

Dear Chair Murray and members of the Committee:

The following testimony was written by Spencer Donovan, a pharmacist and the Director for Legislation for the Rhode Island Society of Health-System Pharmacists. We are an organization that represents pharmacists that practice within the health care system including hospitals and ambulatory care clinics. My comments and support are representative of both my organization and myself. Thank you for allowing time to voice support for S2866.

Pharmacists practicing under collaborative practice agreements in Rhode Island are of vital importance in that they augment the quality of care delivered in their practice settings and have made considerable impacts in addressing the primary care provider shortage in this state. S2866 streamlines the implementation of collaborative practice agreement with pharmacists through removal of board approval which has unnecessarily delayed these agreements in the past. Under collaborative practice agreements pharmacists have worked diligently within healthcare teams to address a wide range of chronic diseases with direct impacts on both hospitalization rates and long-term patient outcomes. The timely implementation of these agreements without administrative delays will have a positive impact on pharmacists' ability to provide this care in a timely manner and to continue improving the state of primary care delivery in Rhode Island.

We urge you to support S2866 as it will not only acknowledge the vital role of pharmacists but also improve the quality of healthcare for the citizens of Rhode Island. Thank you for considering this important legislation.

Sincerely,



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