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

RE: S2876 – RELATING TO INSURANCE – PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS – CO-PAY CAP FOR
PRESCRIPTION ASTHMA INHALERS, DEVICES, AND EQUIPMENT – **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 S2876.

Asthma inhalers are an essential treatment for both acute asthma attacks and for the long-term maintenance and prevention of asthma worsening over time. These are generally first-line recommended medications for the care of patients with asthma and many patients, especially children, require additional administration equipment such as nebulizers and holding chambers to effectively deliver doses. For many patients, however, these inhalers and administration devices can be cost-prohibitive and cause patients to ration their medication or try multiple therapies unnecessarily to find ones that are easier to administer. S2876 would limit the cost-impact of these medications by capping these expenses to \$25.00 per month for covering health plans thus enabling more patients to afford these potentially life-saving medications, improve their long-term health, and potentially decreasing the frequency of emergency room visits for asthma-related issues.

We urge you to support S2876 as it will improve the affordability and quality of healthcare for the citizens of Rhode Island. Thank you for considering this important legislation.

Sincerely,



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