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President

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The Honorable Melissa A. Murray
Chairperson, Senate Health and Human Services Committee
Rhode Island State House
82 Smith Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Re: Support S.3028

Dear Chairperson Murray,

On behalf of the Hospital Association of Rhode Island (HARI), I write in support of **S.3028**, which makes important improvements to the claims payment process and helps ensure fair and timely reimbursement for healthcare services.

This legislation addresses a longstanding challenge in the system by clarifying that claims should not be denied solely because they may be associated with a third-party liability. In doing so, the bill establishes a more predictable and streamlined process for providers, reducing unnecessary administrative friction while maintaining appropriate standards for claims review.

From a hospital perspective, this is a practical and balanced step forward. The proposal simplifies current workflows, reduces avoidable back-and-forth between providers and payers, and promotes more efficient claims processing overall. At the same time, it reinforces a fundamental principle: providers should be fairly compensated for medically necessary services that have been delivered to patients.

Ensuring timely and appropriate payment is essential to maintaining stability within the healthcare system and allowing providers to focus resources where they belong—on patient care. By improving clarity and consistency in the claims process, S.3028 supports that goal.

HARI appreciates the Committee's consideration of this legislation and respectfully urges its passage. We look forward to continuing to work with you on efforts that strengthen the healthcare delivery system for all Rhode Islanders.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa P. Tomasso", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Lisa P. Tomasso
Senior Vice President