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To: Senate Committee on Health & Human Services  
From: Brown University Health  
Date: March 24, 2026  
Subject: Support – S 3063

Dear Chairwoman Murray and Members of the HHS Committee:

[Brown University Health](#) is Rhode Island's largest health system and its largest employer, serving patients across a comprehensive and integrated network of care. With over 1,620 patient care offices and locations, including our six hospitals in Rhode Island and Massachusetts, we are committed to delivering high-quality, patient-centered care in every community we serve. As a leading academic and clinical health system, we attract world-class physicians, researchers, and healthcare professionals, fostering innovation, advancing medical education, and ensuring access to cutting-edge treatments. Our health system plays a critical role in strengthening the region's healthcare infrastructure, driving economic growth, and improving the overall health and well-being of the populations we serve.

**Brown University Health is supportive of S 3063 by Chairman McKenney** because it takes a pragmatic, data-driven approach to a problem that is materially affecting cost, access, and workforce stability. Medical malpractice premiums have risen substantially in recent years, particularly in high-risk specialties, and when paired with a legal environment in RI that is unfavorable to defendants, it creates a challenging landscape to practice medicine at an affordable price. By establishing a formal commission to study claims, settlements, and insurance trends, Rhode Island can better understand the root causes behind these pressures and develop balanced policy solutions.

Equally important, S 3063 acknowledges the growing concern that malpractice risk is influencing provider recruitment and retention. High liability exposure and escalating insurance costs can deter physicians, especially in surgical and high-acuity fields, from practicing in Rhode Island. A comprehensive review that includes input from providers, hospitals, legal stakeholders, and patient advocates creates an opportunity to identify reforms that both protect patients and ensure a sustainable practice environment. S 3063 is a critical step toward stabilizing costs, reducing unnecessary utilization, and maintaining a strong, accessible healthcare workforce.

Thank you for your consideration of this important issue and if you have any questions or would like to learn more about the work we are doing, please feel free to reach out to David Balasco, Vice President of Government Relations, [DBalasco@BrownHealth.org](mailto:DBalasco@BrownHealth.org).

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David A. Balasco".

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