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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.3063

Dear Chairperson Murray,

On behalf of the Hospital Association of Rhode Island (HARI) and our member hospitals, I am writing to express strong support for S.3063, which would establish a special legislative commission to study the impact of medical malpractice on healthcare providers and healthcare costs in Rhode Island.

Hospitals share the goal of ensuring a healthcare system that both protects patients and supports a stable, high-quality provider workforce. Medical malpractice trends—including claims, settlements, and insurance costs—play an important role in shaping provider behavior, workforce decisions, and overall healthcare spending. A thoughtful, data-driven review of these issues is both timely and appropriate.

S.3063 takes a balanced approach by bringing together a diverse group of stakeholders to examine the relationship between malpractice risk, provider availability, and healthcare costs. The commission's focus on identifying practical, evidence-based solutions to improve system performance while maintaining patient protections is particularly important.

Ensuring Rhode Island can attract and retain healthcare professionals—especially in high-risk specialties—is critical to maintaining access to care for patients across the state. A comprehensive assessment of the current malpractice environment will help inform future policy decisions that support both affordability and access.

HARI appreciates the opportunity to participate in this effort and stands ready to contribute to the commission's work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa P. Tomasso", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Lisa P. Tomasso  
Senior Vice President