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The Honorable Chairwoman Murray  
Members of the Senate Committee on Health & Human Services  
Senate Lounge, RI State House  
Providence, RI

RE: S3066 – SUPPORT

Good afternoon, Chairwoman Murray and members of the Committee,

My name is Chris Mansfield, and I am writing on behalf of Comprehensive Community Action Program (CCAP), a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) serving individuals and families across Rhode Island. I am pleased to offer strong support for S3066, legislation establishing a statewide system of Children's Mobile Response and Stabilization Services (MRSS).

As a community health provider, CCAP serves children and families who often present with complex medical, behavioral health, and social needs. We see firsthand how gaps in the behavioral health crisis system impact not only children and families, but also primary care providers who are frequently left managing crises without the appropriate tools or supports.

When a child is in behavioral health crisis, families often turn to their pediatrician or local health center as a first point of contact. However, without a responsive, community-based crisis system, providers are left with limited options, referring families to already overburdened emergency departments or, in some cases, involving law enforcement. These pathways are not designed to meet the developmental and clinical needs of children and can lead to unnecessary escalation, trauma, and fragmentation of care.

S3066 establishes a critical, missing component of the healthcare continuum by ensuring that trained behavioral health professionals can respond directly to children and families in their homes and communities. From an FQHC perspective, MRSS is essential to advancing integrated, whole-person care. It strengthens the ability of primary care providers to respond effectively to behavioral health needs, improves care coordination, and helps ensure that children receive the right level of care at the right time.

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S3066 represents a thoughtful, evidence-based approach to addressing a long-standing gap in Rhode Island's children's behavioral health system. It aligns with the mission of FQHCs to provide accessible, community-based care and supports a more coordinated, responsive system for children and families. For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Committee to support S3066.

Thank you for your consideration and for your commitment to improving the health and well-being of Rhode Island's children.

Sincerely,



Chris Mansfield

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