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

RE: Support for SB3066- An Act Relating to State Affairs and Government- Children's Mobile Crisis Response and Stabilization Services.

Dear Chair Murray and members of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to express my strong support for SB3066, which would establish a standalone statewide Mobile Response and Stabilization Service (MRSS) for children and families. My name is Melannie Alomar Moreno, and I serve as a case manager on the Mobile Crisis Response team at Family Service of Rhode Island.

Our team provides immediate, trauma-informed mental health stabilization for youth and families experiencing crisis—24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Our goal is to ensure that families receive timely, barrier-free support in the moments they need it most. In my role, I work directly with youth and caregivers to identify strengths, assess needs, and coordinate the level of care required to help them regain stability. We meet families where they are—whether in their homes, schools, or communities—because responding in their environment allows us to build trust, reduce fear, and create realistic, collaborative safety plans.

Mobile Crisis Response provides more than crisis stabilization—it provides hope. By helping families navigate community resources, strengthening their support networks, and coordinating care across systems, we empower youth and caregivers to move forward with confidence and safety. Recently, I was able to help connect a youth to services that were available to them in their primary language and not too far from the family home. We identified how the family could access care- given challenges with transportation and a lack of distrust in the system. Alongside the clinician, I supported them from the time that they reached out for our help until the child's first appointment.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge your support for SB3066 and the establishment of a statewide MRSS model. This legislation would allow us to continue meeting families where they are, responding without delay, and ensuring that every child in Rhode Island has access to compassionate, effective crisis support.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Case Manager