



April 7, 2026

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

RE: Letter of Opposition regarding S3091 – AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT – THE RHODE ISLAND HEALTH CARE REFORM ACT OF 2004 – HEALTH INSURANCE OVERSIGHT

Dear Chairperson Murray:

I write on behalf of the State of Rhode Island Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner (OHIC) in opposition to [Senate Bill 3091](#). If enacted, S3091 would add tens of millions of dollars to Rhode Islanders' health insurance premiums in the coming years through the mechanism of higher prices for hospital inpatient and outpatient services. While I understand the financial pressures facing Rhode Island's hospitals, and I'm cognizant of looming federal changes to Medicaid eligibility and hospital state directed payments which will make these pressures more severe in the future, I worry about the impact of this legislation on the affordability of health care purchased by working families, small businesses, and our state and local governments.

Thank you for considering my concerns with this bill and for your continued leadership and hard work on all matters related to the health of Rhode Islanders.

Sincerely,

Cory B. King  
Health Insurance Commissioner

CC: Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services  
Honorable Jacob Bissailon  
Kristen Silvia, Director of Legislation and Deputy Chief of Staff

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