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President

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

Re: Oppose S. 3184

Dear Chairperson Murray,

On behalf of the Hospital Association of Rhode Island (HARI) and our member hospitals, we respectfully oppose S. 3184.

HARI supports the goal of ensuring patient safety and appropriate standards of care, which is why we believe this issue is best addressed through the ongoing regulatory process.

At the conclusion of the last legislative session, this issue was referred to the Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) with the intent that it be addressed through the regulatory process. That process is currently underway. RIDOH has the subject matter expertise, statutory authority, and established framework to evaluate clinical standards, scope of practice, and patient safety considerations in a comprehensive and balanced manner.

RIDOH has published an Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking related to the administration of anesthetic agents for sedation. A public hearing is scheduled for May 14th with written comments due no later than May 16th. Hospitals and other stakeholders have been engaged in this process. Therefore, we respectfully request that the General Assembly allow the regulatory process to proceed to completion before considering statutory changes in this area.

We appreciate your consideration and your continued partnership in supporting a thoughtful, coordinated approach to healthcare policy in Rhode Island.

Sincerely,

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

Lisa P. Tomasso
Senior Vice President