



Senators Pamela Lauria and Melissa Murray  
Senate Health and Human Services Committee  
State of RI General Assembly  
82 Smith St.  
Providence, RI 02903

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**RE: Testimony in support of Senate Bill 2033**

Dear Senators:

As background for our support of S2033, nurse practitioners in Rhode Island worked for and sustain full practice authority in statute, allowing us to provide comprehensive and continuous patient centered care in many health care facilities across the state. Our care is safe, compassionate and evidence based. Prescribing authority is an essential component of our role.

Both mifepristone and misoprostol are medications with well-established safety and efficacy profiles. They are used not only for medically induced abortion, but also for the management of early pregnancy loss, incomplete miscarriage, induction of labor, cervical ripening, and treatment of postpartum hemorrhage. Complications from these medications are rare and can actually save lives. There is much evidence to support the facts that complications from these medications are rare and can actually save lives.

In my own practice, I care for many older adolescent women, who deserve unbiased, safe, and in some cases, life saving therapies. I would like to continue this care outside of the politicized environment that can be initiated by these prescriptions.

While the prescriptions of these medications is legal in RI by health care providers with prescriptive privileges, they do carry with them a certain stigma that could reflect negatively on the provider, if that person's name was divulged. This bill would prevent this by allowing pharmacists to affix a prescription label that identifies the name of the health care practice that originates the prescription, rather than the name of the prescriber. The bill, if passed into law, would continue to allow nurse practitioners and other prescribers to continue to work, safely, in the women's health care environment, while preventing legal ambiguity and professional risk.

We urge support of this bill.

Sincerely,

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