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Hospitals Express Disappointment In House Finance Committee Budget Proposal

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“Today’s House Finance Committee hearing was a surprising setback to our state’s hospitals and the patients they serve. In recognition of the stress on the state budget, hospitals worked tirelessly to obtain alternative revenue sources that would meet the objectives of state leaders and assist hospitals in continuing their important mission. It is therefore disturbing that these dollars are being redirected from the organizations that care for Rhode Islanders in their greatest times of need. Further, this action is taken while hospitals are struggling to maintain their mission in a troubled economy. Our hospitals lost more than \$25 million in the first four months of this fiscal year, while maintaining 24/7 operations to ensure continued access to quality, efficient care for all Rhode Islanders. It is our hope that elected officials recognize the plight of hospitals and take immediate action to enact fiscal policy that protects Rhode Island’s patients.”

- Edward J. Quinlan, president

Founded over a half century ago, the Hospital Association of Rhode Island is a statewide trade organization that assists member hospitals in effectively meeting the health care needs of Rhode Island, through advocacy, representation, education and services. HARI members work collaboratively to improve the quality of care delivered and address issues threatening access to health care including increasing health costs, workforce shortages and decreasing reimbursement. HARI members work together to ensure that all Rhode Islanders will receive comprehensive, high quality health care.

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