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Dear Mr. Garceau and Members of the Committee:

We, faculty members of the graduate counseling program at Rhode Island College, are writing to register our enthusiastic support for 216-RCR-40-05-11. These amendments will increase the state's capacity to respond to the mental health needs of the community and incentivize individuals to pursue a career in the field of Clinical Mental Health Counseling. We are excited that Rhode Island is now among the other states that has instituted this practice. Furthermore, these amendments will facilitate reimbursement from insurance providers while students are in training, and thereby enhance students' ability to earn a living wage while pursuing a career in Clinical Mental Health Counseling.

If you have any questions or require anything additional from us, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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