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*Testimony by Representative Al Adinolfi
Before the Insurance and Real Estate Committee
On House Bill 6236
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Good morning Chairman Crisco, Chairman Megna, Representative Coutu, Senator Kelly, and members of the Insurance and Real Estate Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to testify today. I'm here this morning to express my support for ***HB 6236 – AN ACT REQUIRING THE INCLUSION OF PRIMARY CARE PROVIDERS ON HEALTH INSURANCE IDENTIFICATION CARDS.***

Currently when an individual sees a specialist or a medical facility, they cannot identify the patient's Primary Care Physician since that information is not included on many insurance cards. The intent here of the bill is to ensure that medical providers be aware of the Primary Care Physician of such patient in cases where notification of any visit and or diagnosis is warranted. I do feel inclusion of such information would be a good first step and make communication among all physicians seamless.

I would like to work with the committee in the future to include language that would mandate any medical facility or physician to inform a Primary Care Physician of any visits, and if any medication is prescribed. I do have a concern of possible narcotics abuse and such amended language, if the committee sees fit to adopt, would I feel strengthen the bill. The notification of the Primary Care Physician would allow screening of any medication prescribed and bring to their attention possible abuse if such incidents occur.

Thank you for the hearing on HB 6236 and I wish to express my support of the bill and the committee's favorable action.

Sincerely,

Rep. Al Adinolfi