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Rhode Island Business Group on Health and Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce Announce Partnership

Providence, September 16, 2010--The Rhode Island Business Group on Health is proud to announce that we have joined forces with the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce to ensure that the Rhode Island business voice is forcefully understood on issues surrounding the implementation of the new federal health care Act.

The Rhode Island Business Group on Health and the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce will collaborate to develop legislative "position papers" during the 2011 session of the Rhode Island General Assembly and beyond.

Mike Vittoria, president of the Rhode Island Business Group on Health, stated that the RIBGH "is proud to partner with such a respected business-focused membership organization. The Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce is always there to represent the best interests of Rhode Island businesses on a vast array of public policy issues, including jobs, taxes, knowledge economy and health care."

Laurie White, president of the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce, noted that the RIBGH "has been a strong leader representing business issues ranging from healthcare reform and electronic medical records to quality measures and hospital and insurance company rate hike requests. With implementation of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act on the horizon, it will be essential for the business community to precisely understand and provide guidance to regulators on both the intended and unintended consequences to employers."

About the Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce

The Greater Providence Chamber of Commerce is Rhode Island's oldest and largest statewide business advocacy organization. For 142 years, its mission has been to foster the development of a positive and productive business climate for our community through economic development, business-to-business relationship building and effective public policies and government. The Chamber has been a leader in recent efforts to make Rhode Island's tax code and permitting processes more favorable to small business development as well as in efforts to cultivate the knowledge economy. To learn more, www.provchamber.com

About Rhode Island Business Group on Health

The Rhode Island Business Group on Health is a non-profit business advocacy organization focused on representing Rhode Island business voice on issues ranging from healthcare reform to the overall healthcare delivery system. RIBGH was formed by Rhode Island business leaders in June, 2005. RIBGH recently affiliated with the Worksite Wellness Council of Rhode Island to provide our members with advocacy for wellness policies, tools, and resources to create a healthy work environment to stem rising healthcare costs. Today, RIBGH in affiliation with WWCRI has over 160 members, business ranging in size from 25 employees to over 10,000 employees. RIBGH is a member of the National Network of Wellness Councils and the National Business Coalition on Health. RIBGH is implementing NBCH's Evaluate8 program here in RI. RIBGH has a 10 member board of directors representing all size businesses in our state. To learn more, www.ribgh.org

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