



Good evening, Chairman Solomon and Members of the House Committee on Corporations.

My name is Julia Berman, and I'm a resident of Warwick, RI, and a Registered Dietitian. I am a self-employed private practice kidney dietitian, and my practice, Berman Nutrition Services, primarily supports clients with chronic kidney disease, helping them delay the progression of their condition.

Currently, I am licensed in five states: Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New York, Georgia, and Florida. Obtaining and maintaining licensure in each of these states has been a significant burden, both in terms of time and expense. The process for each state involves lengthy wait times for application processing, verification of credentials, and renewals, which can take months. I've spent countless hours navigating different requirements, filling out repetitive paperwork, and ensuring everything is in order.

On top of this, I've had to pay multiple application fees, renewal fees, and meet varying continuing education requirements for each state. The financial and time costs add up quickly, all while taking time away from the work I am passionate about—helping my clients.

This is where the **Dietitian Licensure Compact** can make a real difference. The Compact offers a streamlined pathway for dietitians to practice in multiple states with a single, multi-state license. It reduces paperwork and administrative hurdles significantly, allowing us to focus more on patient care instead of navigating complicated licensure processes.

I strongly believe that the **Dietitian Licensure Compact** will not only decrease the burden for dietitians like me in becoming qualified to practice across multiple states but will also expand access to essential nutrition care for individuals across the country.

With that, I respectfully ask for your support of **House Bill 5067, the Dietitian Licensure Compact**.

Thank you for your time and consideration and I would also like to thank you on behalf of my current and future patients. I am happy to answer any questions you may have.

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