

House Committee of Corporations
State of Rhode Island General Assembly
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Support for H 5067 - DIETITIAN LICENSURE COMPACT

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Dear Chairman Solomon and Members of the Committee,

My name is Elizabeth Colgan, and I am a Registered Dietitian from East Greenwich, RI. I testify in strong support of H5067, the **Dietitian Licensure Compact**, which would help to decrease the administrative burden that is required for dietitians to obtain a license in multiple states.

Providing adequate medical nutrition therapy on a national level is of the utmost importance for preservation of the health of our country's citizens. This compact would help to improve access to adequate nutritional care through the exhausted industry of healthcare, taking the burden off of primary care providers.

This compact would benefit both patients and dietitians. It benefits patients as it allows them to continue working with their current dietitian via telehealth, instead of being forced to change providers if one of the involved parties moves states. It would also allow for patients to access a dietitian with a speciality that may not be available in their home state. This would also allow for dietitians to continue to care for their patients across state lines.

In the current system, dietitians licensed in multiple states have to keep track of the timing of renewal, fee payment methods and differing continuing education requirements for each state, creating a significant and unnecessary burden on dietitians which therefore takes away important time from providing patients with adequate medical nutrition therapy.

This compact would decrease the burden to become qualified to practice in multiple states and expand access to nutrition care to Rhode Island patients. 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.

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