



House Committee of Corporations

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**Support for H 5067, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS —
DIETITIAN LICENSURE COMPACT**

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Dear Chairman Solomon and Members of the Committee,

My name is Shira Hirshberg and I am a Registered Dietitian from Providence, RI. I testify in strong support of H 5067, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS — DIETITIAN LICENSURE COMPACT, which would decrease the administrative burden required for me to continue working with my long-term clients when they move or go to college in a state for which I do not already have a license. It takes a good deal of time to keep track of the different continuing education requirements of each state and the different documentation required for this continuing education.

I specialize in eating disorders and gastrointestinal difficulties and both of these groups of patients have unique difficulties when changing dietitians. Eating disorder recovery typically takes many years and continuing to work with these clients when they move can be very helpful for them. It can be very hard for folks with eating disorders to find healthcare providers they feel comfortable with and many are not trained in eating disorder work and may even be unintentionally harmful due to this lack of training. Since there are very few dietitians who specialize in digestive disorders, it can be very hard for clients to find a new dietitian when they move with the same area and level of expertise.

This compact would decrease the burden to become qualified to practice in multiple states and expand access to this specialized type of nutrition care. I ask for your support of House Bill 5057.

Thank you for your consideration,

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