

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 Donna Castricone and I am a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (dietitian) from East Greenwich, RI. I testify in strong support of H 5067, Dietitian Licensure Compact as this compact would benefit both patients and dietitians in RI.

Nutrition care is selfcare and can be deeply personal. Behavior and lifestyle changes are often difficult and take time. When a patient develops a relationship with their Dietitian, it is vital they are able to continue that care no matter if they move, change jobs, or leave school for the summer. The patient benefits when they receive consistent care from a Dietitian who knows their health history and can continue to work providing one-on-one care either in-person or via telehealth.

RI Dietitians also benefit...they want to help their patients! Consistent care allows the Dietitian to develop more personalized and effective treatment plans. Being licensed in multiple states requires the Dietitian to pay multiple state licensing fees, to keep track of the timing of renewal, and to maintain differing continuing education requirements for each state. This administrative burden takes away important time from patient care. The administrative and financial burden also deters Dietitians from obtaining multiple licenses therefore leaving the patient without access to consistent care and leaving the Dietitian with less business/less revenue.

Please help the Dietitians in Rhode Island and the patients they care for by voting in support of House Bill 5067, the Dietitian Licensure Compact.

Respectfully yours,

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