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House Committee of Corporations State of Rhode Island General Assembly 82 Smith Street Providence RI 02903

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Dear Chairman Solomon and Members of the House Committee on Corporations,

My name is Adriana Brayman, I am writing to you as a registered and licensed dietitian and a Certified Eating Disorder Specialist (CEDS) in the state of Rhode Island with over 12 years of experience in private practice. As the owner of Unconditional Nutrition RI, I currently operate two offices in Westerly and East Greenwich and have been a lifelong resident of Westerly, Rhode Island. Over the course of my career, I have worked with thousands of patients, many of whom struggle with eating disorders, a condition with the second-highest mortality rate of any psychological disorder in the nation.

I am writing in strong support of H5067, the Dietitian Licensure Compact, which would allow licensed dietitians to provide care across state lines. Continuity of care is critical in eating disorder treatment, yet I am frequently unable to continue working with my patients when they move out of Rhode Island, whether for college, boarding school, or relocation. Because eating disorders are deeply psychological conditions, establishing trust and consistency with a provider is essential to recovery. When my patients are forced to switch providers due to licensing restrictions, their progress is often disrupted, placing them at greater risk.

This licensure compact would remove unnecessary barriers to care, ensuring that my patients can continue working with me no matter where they may reside. As a dedicated eating disorder specialist, my number one priority is helping my patients achieve long-term recovery, and H5067 would be a vital step toward making that possible.

I strongly urge you to support H5067 to prioritize patient well-being, continuity of care, and the effectiveness of eating disorder treatment in Rhode Island and beyond. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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