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House Bill 6087: Oppose

This testimony is submitted on behalf of the Rhode Island Health Care Association (RIHCA). RIHCA is a trade association that represents sixty-two (62) of the nursing facilities in the State of Rhode Island, representing 80% of the profession.

RIHCA opposes House Bill 6087. Healthcare worker platforms are in fact nurse service agencies. The only difference in a staffing platform is replacing the individual scheduling worked shifts at a traditional staffing agency that does not use such technology.

Thus, passage of this proposed legislation would undue the important legislation passed by the General Assembly in 2023 to increase oversight of Nurse Service Agencies in Rhode Island.

Important protections in current regulations include:

1. Caps on rates to protect from price gouging
2. Does not permit 1199 employees
3. Ensures the agency maintains insurance comp coverage for their employees
4. Requirement to ensure agency staff are properly licensed, training and adhere to all new hire requirements as if they were directly employed by a nursing facility
5. Annual Reporting requirements to RIDOH

Thus, we request the committee to vote to oppose the passage of House Bill 6087.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Katie Norman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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