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The Honorable Joseph J. Solomon, Jr.  
Chairman  
House Committee on Corporations  
State House  
82 Smith St.  
Providence, RI 02903

Dear Chairman Solomon:

I am writing in reference to H 6643, legislation which would provide a statutory framework for the licensing and regulation of genetic counselors.

The Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) is not conceptually opposed to the establishment of such a regulatory framework within RIDOH. However, the structure that is needed to properly license and regulate genetic counselors in Rhode Island would have to include funding for implementation. Although the proposed legislation includes licensure fees, the revenue raised through these fees would be deposited into the general fund. In order to implement the regulatory structure required in H 6643, RIDOH would need to hire one FTE Health Services Regulation Licensing Aide, at an annual cost of \$86,283 in FY23, including salary and fringe benefits. This amount would be subject to annual increases. The annual cost in FY24 is anticipated to be \$89,138.

RIDOH is not able to support H 6643 unless the funding required for implementation is included in the State budget.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nicole Alexander-Scott", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right. Below the signature, the word "for" is written in a smaller, cursive hand.

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CC: The Honorable Members of the House Committee on Corporations  
The Honorable Carol Hagan McEntee  
Nicole McCarty, Esquire, Chief Legal Counsel to the Speaker of the House