



March 5, 2025

Representative Joseph McNamara
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Representative Susan Donovan
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Representative Joseph Solomon, Jr.
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Representative Mia Ackerman
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Representative Thomas Noret
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Representative Evan Shanley
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RE: Support for HB 5067

Dear Representatives McNamara, Donovan, Solomon, Ackerman, Noret, Serpa, Read, Morales, and Shanley:

On behalf of Teladoc Health, I write to express support for HB 5067. Enacting the Dietitian Licensure Compact in Rhode Island would be a critical step in expanding access to high-quality nutrition care by allowing licensed dietitians from other participating states to practice in Rhode Island without unnecessary regulatory barriers.

By way of background, Teladoc Health is the world's largest telehealth company with more than 5,000 employees. We deliver health care in 175 countries and in more than 40 languages. We partner with employers, hospitals, health systems, and more than 50 health insurance plans in all 50 states – including Rhode Island – to transform health care delivery. Teladoc Health provides health care services to more than 40 percent of Fortune 500 employers as well as thousands of small businesses, labor unions and public-sector employers which offer our virtual care services to their employees.



With rates of chronic disease on the rise, access to evidence-based nutrition care is more important than ever. Registered dietitians play a critical role in preventing and managing conditions such as diabetes, heart disease, and obesity. However, current licensure restrictions can limit the ability of highly qualified dietitians to provide care to patients across state lines. By adopting the Dietitian Licensure Compact, Rhode Island can join a growing number of states working to eliminate unnecessary administrative burdens while ensuring residents have access to timely, expert nutrition counseling.

This legislation would also allow virtual care platforms such as Teladoc Health to better leverage our workforce of licensed dietitians across the nation. Our goal remains to provide Rhode Island residents with safe, effective, and high-quality nutrition care when and where they need it. The dietitians using our platform have all met rigorous licensure requirements in their home states. If enacted, this measure would enable our platform to connect more patients with qualified dietitians, improving access to essential nutrition services and supporting better health outcomes.

Teladoc Health appreciates the opportunity to provide our company's unique perspective on the efficacy of HB 5067. Thank you for introducing such an important piece of legislation. Please do not hesitate to contact Teladoc Health's Director of Government Affairs Mercer May at mercerc.may@teladochealth.com with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Kevin Harper". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Kevin Harper
Vice President & Head of Government Affairs
Teladoc Health