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Good day,

I support Bill H7277, the licensure of Certified Lactation Counselors.

I've been a CLC (Certified Lactation Counselor) for 10 years.

I've assisted hundreds of woman in their breastfeeding journey during this time.

The majority of new mothers need basic information to combat common issues in the early weeks of lactation.

34% of new mothers, committed to breastfeeding, quit in the first 14 days, due to lack of guidance and support.

The CLC training and exam are extensive, but attainable. With more CLC's being trained, we can offer prompt and effective support for these mothers.

I am currently on the RIDOH committee to improve breastfeeding rates in the State of Rhode Island, having this bill pass will certainly help achieve this goal.

Thank you for your support,

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