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From: Sarah O'Brien, LICSW, CLC

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Re: House Bill 7277 - Insurance Coverage of Licensed Certified Lactation Counselors

Madam Chair and members of the Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony today. Thank you, Representative Stewart for sponsoring and Representative Donovan, Boylan, Cotter, Caldwell, Fogarty, Cruz, Giraldo, and Place for co-sponsoring.

My name is **Sarah O'Brien** and I'm writing in support of House Bill 7277. This bill requires insurance coverage of the services of Licensed Certified Lactation Counselors.

As a credentialed CLC for 9 years now, I have seen the power of early and often feeding support in the community. We work closely with IBCLCs to fill the gaps in their coverage. Creating licensure and mandating insurance reimbursement will increase our reach to those who currently do not have access.

I urge you to pass House Bill 7277 to require insurance coverage of the services of Licensed Certified Lactation Counselors to improve Rhode Islanders' access to lactation support and **make becoming a CLC an actual career path** Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

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