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Hello, I submit this testimony as a previously trained Lactation Educator living in East Providence, RI. This bill would allow trained professionals an avenue to compensation which would improve access to care for all Rhode Island Families.

Feeding a child is a challenge and barrier for most families. Education and support at the community level helps families and removes some burden from the workforce already stretched so thin in this state.

Thank you for your time.