



**State of Rhode Island**  
**Lieutenant Governor Sabina Matos**

April 14, 2026

The Hon. Susan Donovan  
Chair, House Committee on Health and Human Services  
82 Smith Street, House Lounge  
Providence, RI 02903

RE: Letter of Support for H7938: An Act Relating To Health And Safety -- Registration Of Nursing Assistants -- Qualifying Language

Dear Chair Donovan:

I write to you in support on H7938: An Act Relating To Health And Safety -- Registration Of Nursing Assistants -- Qualifying Language. Requires the examination for licensing of certified nursing assistants by the department of health to be administered in both English and Spanish.

Our state currently experiences a shortage of healthcare workers. As the Chair of the Long-Term Care Coordinating Council, I hear from care providers and patients who communicate the urgency with which we must fill the personnel gaps we currently experience. There are many people who meet the qualifications needed to secure licensure but are unable to sit for the examination because it is only offered in English. By providing the examination in Spanish as well, we can not only bring more personnel online to help fill the gaps, but we can also empower a workforce to serve clients in our state who themselves communicate primarily in Spanish.

For these reasons, I humbly urge you to vote this bill favorably out of committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sabina Matos". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sabina Matos  
Lieutenant Governor, State of Rhode Island  
CC: Representative Nathan Biah