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The Honorable Melissa A. Murray, Chair
Senate Committee on Health and Human Services
Rhode Island State Senate
82 Smith Street, Providence, RI 02903

The Honorable Jacob E. Bissailon, Primary Sponsor
S2107 — Healthcare Worker Platform Act

Dear Chair Murray, Senator Bissailon, and Members of the Committee,

Rhode Island has always had the talent, the work ethic, and the drive to build things that matter. The healthcare worker shortage affecting facilities across this state is real, and the founders stepping up to solve it deserve a clear legal framework to operate within. Lubaloo is one of those companies — built in Rhode Island by someone who understands this industry from the inside and is committed to solving this problem here. I support this bill and I support the amendments Stephanie Beaute has brought before this committee, particularly the background check verification requirement that protects our most vulnerable residents and the operational presence requirement that anchors this work in our community.

When a technology company chooses to put down real roots in Rhode Island, hiring locally, creating internship opportunities for our students, and building careers here rather than elsewhere, that is an investment worth encouraging. The operational presence provision in the requested amendments does precisely that. It ensures that the growth this platform creates stays connected to the people and communities it serves. Rhode Island has the workforce, the institutions, and the spirit to lead on this. S2107, strengthened by these amendments, gives us a genuine opportunity to demonstrate that. I am glad to add my voice in support and I hope this committee will move this legislation forward.

Respectfully,


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