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Senate Health and Human Services Committee

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Dear Chair Murray, Vice Chair Lauria and Distinguished Members of the Health and Human Services Committee,

My name is Ellie Mulpeter, and I am the Director of the Academy of Lactation Policy and Practice (ALPP), a division of the Healthy Children Project, Inc. ("Healthy Children"). ALPP operates the Certified Lactation Counselor® (CLC®), Advanced Lactation Consultant (ALC) and Advanced Nurse Lactation Consultant (ANLC) certification programs. I am writing in support of SB 2383 - An Act relating to Insurance – which seeks to require health insurance policies to provide coverage for services rendered by licensed certified lactation counselors.

This bill will increase access to care by allowing more types of qualified, clinical lactation providers to be reimbursed for their services in Rhode Island. Families in Rhode Island will have better access to a provider covered by their insurance, as well as a choice as to who they see for support. We remain committed to this type of inclusive, non-restrictive approach to increasing access to qualified lactation support, and fully believe that requiring health insurance coverage of these lactation management and support services supports the health of all families in the state. Thank you for your time and efforts, and we respectfully request a favorable motion on this bill out of Committee.

Sincerely,

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