

Honorable Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to express my strong support for the Dietetics Licensure Bill. This legislation is a critical step forward in addressing the barriers that are present with having individual state dietitian licensure requirements.

As the Director of a company that operates in many different states, I have been personally affected by the lack of compact licensure laws for Dietitians. With each new license, we spend valuable time resubmitting at times duplicate pieces of information and spending hundreds of dollars to obtain a license. In addition, each state has varying requirements to maintain those licenses. Tracking each state's license requirements is yet another invaluable use of time for Nutrition Professionals.

A standard process and standard requirements to maintain licensing is needed. Eliminating the barriers to qualified individuals will open up the pool of Licensed Dietitians that are available in each state to serve in their respective areas. Adding KS to the growing list of states accepting Dietetics Licensure Bills can only benefit all involved.

Please don't hold the field of Dietetics back by ignoring this truly needed piece of legislation.

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