**Testimony to the Joint Committee on Financial Services**

**Regarding H.1106 and S.717, An Act Relative to Human Donor Milk Coverage**

**Hearing Date: November 9, 2021**

Senator Crighton, Representative Murphy, and Members of the Joint Committee on Financial Services,

My name is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and I am writing to urge your support of House Bill H.1106 and Senate Bill S.717, An Act Relative to Human Donor Milk Coverage.

A line about your personal or professional background

* healthcare provider
* parent
* grandparent

A line about your personal connection to donor milk

* we use donor milk at our hospital
* our baby received donor milk
* I am a milk donor
* I am an advocate for health equity

A line about why donor milk is important

* saves lives of fragile premature babies
* improves long-term health
* boosts breastfeeding rates / supports breastfeeding
* is important for preventive care, a health care priority in Massachusetts

Insurance coverage will

* reduce health disparities and ensure equitable access
* save much more money in long-term health outcomes than it costs

In conclusion, I ask you to support these important bills and report them out of the committee favorably.

Sincerely,

[Your name]

[Your town]