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The Honorable Members of the Rhode Island General Assembly
State House
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Dear Members of the Rhode Island General Assembly,

I am writing to express my strong support for Bill RI H-5351, which seeks to allow all medical and aesthetic professionals in Rhode Island to work and delegate to the full extent of their scope of practice. I have been a patient under the care of a nurse practitioner, Jana Magarian, for 10 years. During this time, Jana has been instrumental in helping with my facial scarring from a terrible infection, skin pigment issues, and laser hair treatments. Nurse Practitioner Jana Magarian is an exceptional professional whose expertise has allowed me to feel good about myself again.

Rhode Island is fortunate to be a full practice authority state, allowing NPs to operate independently without unnecessary supervision. This autonomy has enabled my nurse practitioner to deliver timely and effective treatment, improving both my health and quality of life. I am so grateful for this.

However, I am concerned that restrictive interpretations of guidelines could jeopardize access to this care. Limiting nurse practitioner's ability to practice fully would not only disrupt continuity of care but also reduce access to affordable, high-quality healthcare for many Rhode Islanders.

This would not be fair, to say the least.

In closing, I urge you to pass this bill and maintain Rhode Island's leadership in promoting accessible and efficient healthcare. Patients like me depend on the expertise and autonomy of nurse practitioners and other professionals who are committed to improving our lives.

Thank you for considering this important legislation.

Sincerely,
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