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**Subject:** Support for Bill H-5351

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To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to express my strong support for Companion Bill H-5351, which seeks to modernize regulations for medical professionals and aesthetic professionals in Rhode Island. As a licensed esthetician since 2020, holding licenses in Rhode Island, New York, and New Jersey, and possessing a laser certification, I have firsthand experience with the evolving demands of the skincare and aesthetics industry.

This bill is crucial for advancing our profession by ensuring that qualified aesthetic professionals can perform advanced procedures, including laser treatments, under appropriate training and oversight. Many surrounding states, including New York and New Jersey, have recognized the importance of allowing trained professionals to offer these services, thereby increasing consumer access to safe, effective treatments while also fostering career growth in the industry.

By passing H-5351, Rhode Island will align itself with industry standards and create more opportunities for licensed professionals like myself to provide high-quality care to our clients. Additionally, this legislation will help small businesses and independent professionals expand their services, ultimately benefiting the state's economy and the well-being of our residents.

I respectfully urge you to support this bill to enhance professional standards, public safety, and business development in the aesthetics field. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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