

Dear Clerk Steve Sepe,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to express my strong support for Bill H-5351 and to bring to your attention the significant impact that the new guidelines posted in the summer of 2024 have had on my business, my dedicated staff, and my ability to provide essential services.

I have proudly owned and operated my medical spa since 2017. As a woman entrepreneur, I have navigated many challenges throughout the years, especially in today's economy, and I have poured my blood, sweat, and tears into building a practice that I am deeply proud of. In addition to being the owner of this practice, I am also a Nurse Practitioner with full practice authority in Rhode Island. As a licensed healthcare provider with full autonomy, I have the legal right to perform a wide range of medical treatments and procedures.

However, the recent guidelines introduced have placed an immense strain on our practice. These guidelines go against the rights granted to Nurse Practitioners and prevent us from performing treatments that we are highly trained and legally authorized to provide. These new rules also prevent my highly skilled staff from performing treatments they have been properly trained in and have safely executed for a combined total of 25 years.

The impact of these changes has been both financial and emotional. Not only has our business suffered a financial setback, but the mental toll on our team has been significant. Many of my staff members have a deep passion for their work, and these guidelines are now preventing them from continuing to do what they love in a safe and professional environment. These restrictions are affecting our ability to provide the best care possible to our clients.

I urge you to support Bill H-5351, as it will allow my team and me, as a Nurse Practitioner with full practice authority, to continue delivering safe and effective care in a manner that is both legally sound and in the best interest of our patients. The impact of the current guidelines cannot be overstated, and we hope that a solution can be found that supports the well-being of our staff and the continued success of our business.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. I look forward to hearing from you and to a positive resolution that supports the professional rights of healthcare providers in Rhode Island.

Sincerely,  
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