

Dr Cynthia Kaplan
112 Old Beach Road
Newport, RI 02840
ckaplan@mgb.org
617-460-6668

February 22, 2025

The Honorable Members of the Rhode Island General Assembly
State House. Providence, RI

Subject: Support for Bill RI H-5351 to Protect Scope of Practice for Medical and Aesthetic Professionals

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.

As a patient who has been under the care of a nurse practitioner, Jana Magarian, for three plus years, I can attest to her astounding level of expertise and professionalism. Over this time period, I have been treated by Ms. Magarian for an array of dermatological problems, all of which she has addressed with thoroughness and the highest standard of care-

I feel fortunate to be in Rhode Island where I, and others, can benefit from the fact that nurse practitioners like Ms. Magarian have full practice authority, allowing patients to avail themselves of more accessible, affordable, and patient-centric care. This autonomy of practice has enabled Ms. Magarian to collaborate with me directly, without undue hindrance and oversight, to deliver both optimal and effective treatments; treatments which have improved both my health and quality of life and for which I am grateful.

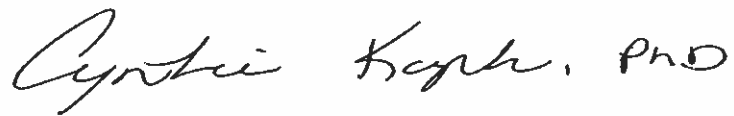
As a medical provider myself, delivering healthcare to patients both regionally and nationally via tele-health, I am highly concerned that placing additional, restrictive guidelines could jeopardize access to this scope of care for myself and other deserving individuals throughout Rhode Island- Limiting nurse practitioners' ability to practice fully, would not only disrupt continuity of care but also undoubtedly reduce access to affordable, high-quality healthcare for many Rhode Islanders.

In my considerable experience as a patient of Ms. Margarian's, I have welcomed the time she takes to first fully understand the presenting problem and then to collaborate patiently with me in order to craft a solution that is effective, efficient and affordable; this collaboration goes well beyond what I have experienced with other medical professionals-

I therefore 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cynthia Kaplan, PhD". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Cynthia Kaplan, PhD
Director of Trauma Training and Consultation
McLean Hospital, Child and Adolescent Services
Associate Professor of Psychology, Harvard Medical School
617-855-2557