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To whom it may concern,

Recently I became aware of the ongoing effort by Dermatologists in RI aiming to shut down independent Medical skin care facilities run by NPs under the auspices of an MD, claiming lack of safety practices which could result to injury. Is this true?. You can easily verify or refute such claims by examining malpractice records filed within the State of RI.

Of course, safety must always be a priority, but I sense that Dermatologists aim to create a monopoly and increase their revenue, and we all know what happens with such control.

For my personal skin care needs I go to Avalon Medical Spa in Bristol RI, although I reside in New Bedford MA, and can easily go up route 6 to their local facility in ten minutes, I prefer to make the short trip to Bristol, a place I adore, and spend a few hours romancing this gem...

I choose the Medical Spa for a few reasons: Easier access, I don't have to wait 1-3 months for an appointment. A much more relaxed atmosphere, I feel more like a client than a patient. If they notice any skin anomaly beyond their scope of practice, immediately they will refer me to a Dermatologist.

But why all this fuss?

In closing, I believe there's plenty of room for both, Dermatologists and NPs to practice and use their skills and knowledge to benefit their clients-patients.

Sincerely,

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