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Subject: RE: Steve Sepe Support Bill 5351

To whom it may concern,

I am writing as a concerned patient and resident of Rhode Island to express my strong support for House Bill 5351, the "Medical Aesthetic Practices Safety Act." This legislation is vital to ensure that patients like myself continue to have access to safe and professional cosmetic medical procedures without unnecessary restrictions.

House Bill 5351 mandates that cosmetic medical procedures be performed by licensed healthcare professionals, including physicians, physician assistants (PAs), and advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs), or delegated to qualified non-physicians under appropriate supervision. This structure maintains high standards of patient care while preserving the autonomy of skilled healthcare providers, ensuring that patients have access to a diverse range of practitioners.

Restricting the practice rights of these professionals could lead to decreased availability of services, longer wait times, and increased healthcare costs. Such limitations would disproportionately affect patients in underserved communities, exacerbating existing disparities in healthcare access. By supporting H.B. 5351, we can maintain a robust healthcare workforce capable of meeting the diverse needs of our population.

Furthermore, this bill emphasizes the importance of initial patient assessments, treatment plans, and medical record maintenance, while also allowing for the delegation of procedures to qualified non-physicians under appropriate supervision. This approach ensures that patient safety is prioritized without imposing unnecessary barriers to care.

In conclusion, I urge you to support House Bill 5351 to protect patient access to essential cosmetic medical procedures and uphold the rights of qualified healthcare professionals in Rhode Island. Your support will contribute to a more inclusive and effective healthcare system for all residents.

Respectfully,

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