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To: House Health and Human Services Committee; Rep. Baginski, Jacquelyn M.;

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Subject: Support for Bill H-5351

I am writing to express my strong support for Bill H-5351, which I believe is a crucial step towards providing access to medical care and the freedom to choose which provider patients wish to seek care from.

This legislation addresses Nurse Practitioners' right to provide medical aesthetic and dermatological services, and its passage would significantly benefit our community by decreasing wait times for treatment and also allowing patients to see their provider of choice.

Moreover, Bill H-5351 ensures that we move forward in a way that allows practices to stay open, providing not only care to patients but also jobs in the community. As a provider and business owner, if bill H-5351 does not pass, we will be forced to shut down our business, causing unemployment for many of our support staff, loss of income to landlords, and delayed care for our patients, many of whom, may not have the choice but to travel to neighboring states to receive the care they seek

I urge you to support this bill and advocate for its passage. It is an opportunity for us to continue to provide care to our patients, to perform services within our full scope of practice without any restrictions, and to avoid delays in patient care, which would be the result of limiting access to care for the community.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. I look forward to seeing our community thrive as a result of your support for Bill H-5351.

Sincerely, Flavia Thornson, FNP-BC Avalon Medical Spa 573 Hope St. Bristol, RI - 02809