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

Dear Members of the Rhode Island General Assembly,

I hope this message finds you well. 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 a little under a year, I have directly experienced the exceptional quality of care and expertise she provides. Any restriction on her ability to practice independently would significantly impact my access to trusted, effective healthcare. Jana has been instrumental in managing my skin conditions, as well as many other individuals in Rhode Island.

For many years, I have struggled with acne-prone, textured skin. What started as occasional breakouts during my teenage years evolved into a persistent condition that has affected my confidence, mental well-being, and overall quality of life. The emotional distress and frustration of trying countless treatments, medications, and skincare products has been overwhelming. Upon my initial consultation with Jana Magarian, I felt a sense of comfort and relief. Jana spent over an hour with me talking about my concerns and how we were going to address each and every one of them. I never felt rushed or that my concerns were not valid. Instead, I felt a sense of reassurance that clear skin was in the near future and that Jana was going to help me get there. However, I am not alone in this experience. Acne, and many other skin conditions affect millions of people of all ages, all over the world. Like myself, skin conditions can hinder an individual's sense of confidence, mental health, and overall well-being. Limiting nurse practitioner's ability to practice fully would jeopardize access to affordable, high-quality care for many Rhode Islanders who also struggle with chronic skin conditions.

By supporting this bill, you are helping to ensure that individuals struggling with skin conditions like acne have the opportunity to be heard, and seek the care and treatment they deserve. 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 your time, dedication, and service to our state. I remain hopeful that you will take a stand for the positive change that this bill represents.

Sincerely,
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