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To: House Health and Human Services Committee; Rep. Baginski, Jacquelyn M.; Policastrogroup@gmail.com; Meaghan Macrae
Subject: Support for Bill RI H-5351 to Expand Scope of Practice for Medical and Aesthetic Professionals

Dear Members of the Rhode Island General Assembly,

I am a former nurse practitioner student who had the privilege of completing a clinical rotation at Macrae Medical, a nurse practitioner-owned primary care and medical aesthetic practice in Rhode Island. This experience allowed me to see firsthand the integral role nurse practitioners play in delivering high-quality, patient-centered care while exercising clinical autonomy. The NP-led model at Macrae Medical provided me with a unique opportunity to enrich my education and clinical training.

What made my rotation particularly valuable was the chance to work in an NP-owned practice, where I observed how nurse practitioners can effectively manage a practice, provide a wide range of services, and make independent clinical decisions. This autonomy is essential to delivering the best possible care and ensuring continuity for patients. The experience reinforced how important it is for nurse practitioners to have the independence to practice to the full extent of their training and expertise.

As Rhode Island considers changes to the scope of practice for nurse practitioners, I urge you to consider the positive impact of maintaining NP independence. The experience I gained at Macrae Medical demonstrates how nurse practitioners enhance patient care and contribute significantly to the healthcare system, and supporting policies that allow NPs to continue practicing fully is critical for both professionals and patients alike.

Sincerely,

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