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To:

The Honorable Members of the Rhode Island General Assembly State House

Subject: Support for Bill RI H-5351 to Protect Scope of Practice for Medical and

Aesthetic Professionals

Dear Members of the Rhode Island General Assembly,

For more than ten years, I have been a patient of Jana Magarian, Nurse Practitioner (NP), for age-related skin care, melasma treatments and Botox injections. For all these years, I have consistently experienced excellent results and expert care in a professional environment. I feel extremely confident in Ms. Magarian's knowledge and skills and have never considered using another practitioner for my skin care.

It is unquestionably a benefit to your constituents that Rhode Island is a full practice authority state which permits NPs to operate independently without requiring secondary supervision. This autonomy has enabled my nurse practitioner to perform treatments that improve my health and quality of life. I have been made aware and am concerned that restrictive interpretations of guidelines could jeopardize my continued access to my preferred caregiver. Limiting the ability for NPs to practice autonomously would likely disrupt the continuity of care and dramatically affect my access to affordable healthcare for me and many other Rhode Islanders.

I request that you pass the *Bill RI H-5351 to Protect Scope of Practice for Medical and Aesthetic Professionals* to ensure your constituents access to affordable and quality healthcare.

Respectfully,

Ingrid Bennett