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Rhode Island Department of Health and Human Services

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

Dear Members of the Rhode Island Department of Health and Human Services,

I am writing to express my strong support for legislative measures that protect the full scope of practice for nurse practitioners (NPs) in aesthetic medicine. As a family nurse practitioner with nearly 30 years of healthcare experience—20 years in critical care and 10 in primary care—I have dedicated my career to improving patients' health and well-being. Since opening my medical spa in 2017, I have witnessed firsthand how aesthetic treatments not only enhance skin health but also significantly improve patients' self-confidence and quality of life.

Rhode Island is fortunate to be a full practice authority state, allowing NPs to provide comprehensive care without unnecessary supervision. This autonomy has been instrumental in expanding access to healthcare services, reducing costs, and fostering innovation in fields like aesthetic medicine. However, recent threats to this scope of practice jeopardize not only my ability to care for patients but also the viability of small businesses like mine that contribute to our local economy and community health.

Restricting NP practice would create barriers to care for patients seeking safe and effective aesthetic treatments. Nurse practitioners are highly trained professionals capable of performing these procedures with the same rigor and safety as other providers. Limiting our scope would force patients to seek care elsewhere, often at higher costs or with longer wait times, undermining the accessibility and affordability that full practice authority ensures.

There is no evidence that NPs provide substandard or unsafe medical aesthetics care compared to physicians. On the contrary, many studies have shown that NP delivered care is equal to that of physicians in terms of quality outcomes, safety, and patient satisfaction across many disciplines. NPs are held to the same standards of training, licensing, and certification as physicians who perform these treatments. We attend the same trainings and conferences. Any concerns about competency should be addressed through proper credentialing rather than blanket restrictions and the incomprehensible notion that there should be oversight by physicians on NP practice to improve safety. To suggest that physician oversight of NP practice is necessary for patient

safety is an attempt to put NP run clinics out of business and monopolize the aesthetic market. It is a draconian attempt to quash women run and women owned practices in order to subjugate the nursing profession which is predominantly female in demographic.

Rhode Island needs NPs more than ever. Reducing scope of practice would be an unnecessary measure that limits patient choice, restricts access to care, stifles competition, and increases costs with no evidence that it enhances patient safety or quality of care. I appreciate your attention to Bill RI H-5351.

I urge you to support legislation that safeguards the full scope of practice for nurse practitioners in all fields, including aesthetic medicine. Doing so will preserve patient access to high-quality care, protect small businesses like mine, and uphold Rhode Island's leadership as a state that values professional autonomy and innovation in healthcare.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I am happy to provide further insights or participate in discussions on this important issue.

Sincerely,

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