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From: Jessica Slocum <jessicaslocum4@gmail.com>
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To: House Health and Human Services Committee
Subject: Support for Bill H-5351

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed legislation aimed at protecting the scope of practice for nurse practitioners (NPs) in Rhode Island. As a patient under the care of Nurse Practitioner Jana Magarian, I have directly experienced the exceptional quality of care 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 condition with professionalism and expertise. Her ability to assess my condition, order necessary tests, and prescribe treatments without unnecessary delays has been critical to my health and well-being. Limiting her scope of practice would not only disrupt my continuity of care but also create barriers for many patients who rely on her services.

Rhode Island's current full practice authority for nurse practitioners ensures patients like me receive timely and cost-effective care. Restricting this autonomy could lead to longer wait times, increased healthcare costs, and reduced access to essential services.

I urge you to protect the rights of nurse practitioners like Jana by supporting this legislation. Preserving their ability to provide comprehensive care is vital for the health of Rhode Islanders. Thank you for considering my perspective on this critical matter.

Sincerely,
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