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The Honorable Members of the Rhode Island General Assembly HHHS Committee  
State Capitol  
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Dear Members of the Rhode Island HHHS Committee:

I am writing to express my unwavering support for RI H5351. As a nurse practitioner in urgent care and a patient who has experienced the transformative benefits of aesthetic care delivered by a fellow nurse practitioner, I feel compelled to share my personal experience and advocate for this vital service.

As a breast cancer survivor, my recovery journey involved not only managing the physical impacts of my treatment but also confronting the emotional challenges that followed surgery. The depression and diminished self-esteem I experienced were profound, and it was through aesthetic care that I began to heal emotionally. This experience underscores that aesthetic care is far more than a luxury—it is an essential component of holistic health care that significantly supports mental health and overall well-being.

Aesthetic care delivered by nurse practitioners and other qualified providers is both safe and effective. Notably, there is not one discipline on the RIDOH licensure discipline lists of malpractice or negligence in aesthetic practice. This fact speaks volumes about the high standards of training, ethical practice, and patient safety maintained by advanced practice professionals in this field.

Beyond the realm of aesthetic care, nurse practitioners play an essential role in the broader spectrum of healthcare. We are actively involved in screening for skin cancer and other abnormalities, and we provide crucial primary care services at a time when access to primary care is extremely difficult. Our dual roles in both aesthetic and primary care underscore our commitment to ensuring comprehensive and accessible healthcare for our community.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to support RI H5351. Your support will not only help ensure the continued availability of safe, effective aesthetic care but will also recognize the critical contributions of nurse practitioners to both the mental and physical health of Rhode Islanders.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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