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Subject: Steve Sepe Support Bill H5351

As a patient who has greatly benefited from the care of nurse practitioners (NPs) in Rhode Island, I am writing to express my strong support for House Bill H5351, the "Medical Aesthetic Practices Safety Act." This legislation mandates that cosmetic medical procedures be performed by a physician, physician assistant (PA), advanced practice registered nurse (APRN), or delegated to a qualified non-physician under their supervision.

In my personal healthcare journey, NPs have consistently provided exceptional care, demonstrating expertise and compassion. House Bill H5351 seeks to uphold and protect the autonomy of NPs, ensuring they can continue to offer essential medical aesthetic services without unnecessary restrictions.

By preserving the independent practice rights of NPs, this bill not only maintains patient access to qualified medical professionals but also upholds our right to choose our preferred healthcare providers. Ensuring full practice authority for NPs is vital for delivering timely, safe, and effective care, especially in areas where healthcare resources are limited.

Supporting the autonomy of NPs aligns with national standards and has been shown to improve healthcare outcomes by reducing barriers to care. It fosters a more efficient healthcare system, allowing patients like me to benefit from the comprehensive services that NPs are trained and certified to provide.

I earnestly urge you to support H5351 to maintain a patient-centered healthcare environment in Rhode Island that respects and protects the established practice rights of nurse practitioners.

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