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Subject: Support of Bill H-5351

To whom it may concern,

Hello my name is Katey LaPlante RN. I am a lifelong resident of Rhode Island who has spent 20 years working in the Emergency room at Rhode Island Hospital as well as 9 years in the field of Aesthetic Medicine. I am writing to you today in favor of Bill # H5351. This Bill will protect the long standing scope of practice for NP's, PA's, Registered Nurses, and Estheticians in their respective licenses. Most of these medical professionals are highly trained and specialize in Aesthetics. If this bill does not pass, many primarily female owned businesses will be shut down(even though they were originally told by the Department of Health) that they could open and run the way they have been for well over a decade now. Closing these businesses will eliminate hundreds of jobs in the state forcing the revenue of this billion dollar industry into our neighboring states such as Massachusetts and Connecticut.

Just to give you a quick glimpse into who I am as an exceptional Nurse while working at Rhode Island Hospital Emergency Room. I was a Charge Nurse, Triage Nurse, Trauma Nurse, Critical Care Resource Nurse, and a Trauma trainer. On a daily basis my jobs entailed anything from assessing patients, gathering data, and performing tasks such as starting IV's and giving Intramuscular and subcutaneous injections to the more lifesaving procedures such as working with Arterial lines, Central Venous pressure lines, LVAD's, Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation, overdoses, status asthmaticus, gunshot and stabbing victims, Ventricular drains, hypothermia after cardiac arrest, trauma resuscitation, Stroke patients with the administration of TPA, Burn patients, mechanical airway management. Open thoracotomy assist, chest tube assist, Internal Cardiac defibrillation, Managing ST elevation Myocardial Infarctions, SVT, cardioversion for atrial fibrillation, supraventricular tachycardia, Vtach and sepsis. I have administered numerous Vasoactive drugs, Vasoconstrictors, Inodilators, cardiac drugs, sedatives, paralytics, opioids, TPA, TNK, KCentra, and the list goes on....

During one of the most tragic nights of Rhode Island History the Station Nightclub fire over 100 burn victims were transported to our Emergency Room. Pharmacy was handing out handfuls of Morphine to nurses which is a class 2 narcotic and we were given orders by physicians to medicate our patients as we saw fit because they trust our education, judgement, and professionalism. Everyday our average trauma or critical care patient has anywhere from 2-12 IV drips going at 1 time which could kill you in a moments notice.

As an Aesthetic Nurse I have done hundreds of hours of training and spent thousands of dollars to train with some of the best Doctors, NP's, PA's, and Registered Nurse injectors from around the Country. I have taken aesthetic based cadaver courses, as well as receiving certifications in many aspects of Aesthetic based Medicine. For anyone to say Nurses are not qualified to perform these aesthetic procedures is mind boggling to me. In fact if you google the definition of a Nurse it states " Nurse is a licensed Healthcare professional who cares for patients in a variety of settings. Their main role is to assess patients, administer medications, educate patients to promote health and prevent disease , and help patients with illnesses. So I ask you today please vote yes in support of Bill H-5351 To save our jobs. Thank you so much.

Sincerely,
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