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Subject: Support for Bill H-5351

Dear Clerk Steve Sepe,

I am writing to share my personal experience and perspective as a long-time client of a medical spa owned and operated by a Certified Nurse Practitioner (CNP). Over the past decade, I have undergone a variety of aesthetic treatments, including facials, chemical peels, dermaplaning, laser hair removal, toxins, fillers, radiofrequency microneedling, IPL/BBL, ablative lasers, and PRFM. These experiences have profoundly enriched my life, and I hope my story underscores the importance of ensuring that highly skilled professionals, such as CNPs and Registered Nurses (RNs), remain integral to the practice of aesthetic medicine.

When I first began my aesthetic journey, I was feeling old, tired, and lacking confidence. Today, thanks to the exceptional care I have received, I feel more vibrant, youthful, and self-assured. The owner of my medical spa has built her practice on a foundation of conservative, safe, and natural-looking treatments. She employs only NPs, RNs, and aestheticians who share her philosophy, and I have always felt entirely safe in their capable hands. Remarkably, I've noticed that I look younger as I age—a testament to their expertise and dedication.

I understand that some may judge individuals who pursue aesthetic treatments. However, for me, this journey has been about more than appearances. It has inspired me to take better care of myself, both physically and emotionally. The encouragement and guidance I have received from my medical spa have been transformative. I now prioritize sun protection and overall skin health, and I genuinely look forward to my visits. The staff feels like family to me; they know my story, my struggles, and my goals, and they genuinely care about my well-being.

In fact, my CNP injector has often served as an invaluable resource for advice on primary care issues. She has more time to discuss my concerns than my primary care doctor, and her insights are always thoughtful and evidence-based. Her journey from RN to CNP reflects her deep commitment to her field and her clients.

Given my positive experiences, I am deeply concerned about the Rhode Island Department of Health's (RIDOH) stance that RNs cannot administer Botox or fillers. This restriction seems incongruous when one considers that RNs play critical roles in hospitals and other healthcare settings, performing tasks where errors could have life-threatening consequences. Furthermore, major manufacturers of aesthetic products entrust RNs to educate physicians, PAs, NPs, and fellow RNs on the safe and effective use of these products. The safety profile of aesthetic medicine is exceptionally high, and the contributions of skilled RNs are instrumental in maintaining that standard.

I urge the RIDOH to reconsider its position and to recognize the vital role that RNs play in aesthetic medicine. Their expertise, training, and commitment to patient safety make them indispensable in this field. Restricting their ability to practice not only undermines their professional capabilities but also limits access to safe and effective care for patients like me, who have benefited immensely from their dedication.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my perspective. I hope my experience highlights the importance of supporting all qualified professionals in aesthetic medicine, ensuring that patients continue to receive the highest standard of care.

Sincerely,

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