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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my strong support for Bill H-5351, which would allow nurses and other qualified healthcare professionals to continue performing medical aesthetic treatments such as injectables, laser hair removal, laser treatments, body contouring, and cool sculpting at med spas across Rhode Island.

Many med spas, including my own business, Skin Society, rely on the expertise and training of qualified nurses to provide safe, high-quality treatments to our patients. Without the ability to continue offering these services, I would be unable to sustain my business, resulting in financial devastation and the potential loss of jobs for our dedicated employees.

Nurses and other healthcare professionals undergo extensive training and certification, often alongside physicians, nurse practitioners, and dentists. In fact, during my initial certification course in Boston, I was part of a group that included a diverse range of healthcare professionals, all receiving the same foundational education. It is crucial to understand that most responsible providers continue to pursue additional training and education as part of their ongoing commitment to staying current in the field.

Restricting access to qualified providers would be not only unfair but also detrimental to Rhode Island's economy. Many patients who seek these services could be forced to travel to neighboring states to find providers, which would drain much-needed revenue from Rhode Island's economy while boosting others. Limiting these services would also unfairly restrict patient choice, preventing people from receiving care from the professionals they know and trust.

The impact of this proposed restriction on my business would be devastating. Skin Society is already facing significant financial hardship, and if I am no longer able to offer the treatments that are the foundation of our services, I will be unable to keep the doors of my business open. This would not only harm my family and the livelihoods of our employees but also diminish the options available to Rhode Island residents who trust us with their medical aesthetic needs.

I strongly urge you to support Bill H-5351. Passing this bill is essential for the continued growth of the medical aesthetics industry in Rhode Island, the protection of patient choice, and the preservation of jobs for countless healthcare professionals. The success of Rhode Island's med spas, and businesses like mine, depend on the ability to provide these services, and I am deeply concerned that without this legislation, many will be forced to close their doors.

Thank you for your time, understanding, and support.

Sincerely,

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