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The Honorable Members of the Rhode Island General Assembly
State House
Providence, RI
Subject: Support for Bill RI H-5351 to Protect Scope of Practice for Medical and Aesthetic Professionals

Dear Members of the Rhode Island General Assembly,

I am writing to express my strong support for Bill RI H-5351, which seeks to allow all medical and aesthetic professionals in Rhode Island to work and delegate to the full extent of their scope of practice. As a patient who has been under the care of a nurse practitioner, Jana Magarian, for 5 years for pigment problems on my skin and problematic hair growth, I have experienced firsthand the exceptional care and expertise that my nurse practitioner provides. Jana provides a quality of care and access that I don't believe I could find elsewhere. Her knowledge and skill set are exceptional and her options for care to her patients are cutting edge.

Rhode Island is fortunate to be a full practice authority state, allowing NPs to operate independently without unnecessary supervision. This autonomy has enabled Jana to deliver timely and effective treatment, improving both my health and quality of life. However, I am concerned that restrictive interpretations of guidelines could jeopardize access to this care. Limiting a nurse practitioner's ability to practice fully would not only disrupt continuity of care but also reduce access to affordable, high-quality healthcare for many Rhode Islanders.

I urge you to pass this bill and maintain Rhode Island's leadership in promoting accessible and efficient healthcare. Patients like me depend on the expertise and autonomy of nurse practitioners and other professionals who are committed to improving our lives.

Thank you for considering this important legislation.

Sincerely,
Lauren Smith