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Attention: Clerk Steve Sepe

Good morning,

My name is Michelle Bessette, and I am a registered nurse and owner of Citrine Aesthetics medical spa in Rhode Island. I left my full-time nursing position to pursue my passion for aesthetics and open my own practice. I have obtained numerous certifications, accumulated years of experience, and participated in extensive hands-on training in this field.

However, the recent guideline changes in Rhode Island have had a devastating impact on my small business. Cosmetic injectables are the primary service my spa provides, and these new limitations have significantly reduced our income. I am fully relying on this bill to keep my doors open and continue supporting my family.

The restrictions on my scope of practice are not only unnecessary but also unethical. In other healthcare settings, I am trusted to administer narcotics, perform blood transfusions, and manage critical emergencies. Compared to these responsibilities, cosmetic injectables are far less invasive and well within the capabilities of trained nurses. These limitations do not reflect a concern for safety or competency but rather seem to serve the interests of MDs.

Being a medical doctor does not inherently make someone more qualified to perform aesthetic treatments. Successful administration of cosmetic injectables requires not only an in-depth understanding of anatomy and safety but also an artistic eye—skills that experienced aesthetic nurses have honed through years of practice.

I urge you to support this bill so that skilled professionals like myself can continue providing safe and high-quality care to our patients.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best,

Michelle Bessette