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Attn: Clerk Steve Sepe

February 20, 2025

Dear Representative Jacquelyn Baginski, Clerk Steve Sepe and Donna Policastro;

I am writing in support of companion bill H-5351 that propose all medical professionals and aesthetic professionals in Rhode Island may work and delegate to the full extent of their scope of practice.

The RIDOH is limiting access to the services I have been receiving from my current aesthetic practitioner. I have been told I will no longer be able to receive scar removal treatments such as PRP micro needling, botox injections, Ultherapy, etc.

For the past four years, I've been under the care of a registered nurse (RN) trained and certified in specific aesthetic procedures. I chose this provider because of her knowledge, judgment, and technical skill.

The medical spa I visit is quiet, private, and provides a comfortable atmosphere where I feel safe. I'm thrilled with my results, and my provider is readily available for any questions or advice.

My current provider dedicates ample time to each appointment, ensuring we have plenty of opportunity to discuss my needs. Her approach goes beyond procedures, focusing on whole-body wellness to optimize results. She listens carefully to my concerns and develops an individualized plan of care after thorough consultation and education, never making me feel rushed.

I strongly believe in my right to choose my provider. In a climate of decreasing access to quality healthcare providers, why make it even more out of reach?

I've been receiving aesthetic care for about 15 years. I previously experienced months-long waits to see a physician for simple aesthetic procedures only to have to cancel because of my own hectic schedule. Then I would have to wait even more months! Physicians in Rhode Island are already overburdened. Why make it nearly impossible for women to easily access self-care?

I wish to continue receiving aesthetic care at my medical spa from my qualified provider who happens to be an APRN (CRNA) and an aesthetician. Mid-level providers handle more complex diagnoses and procedures in other areas of medicine in Rhode Island. Why restrict women's access to a simple aesthetic and self-care services?

As a busy physician myself I really do not want to be forced to travel to Massachusetts to receive these essential services or wait months to receive care in my own state.

Thank you for your careful consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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