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Attn: Clerk Steve Sepe support for Bill H-5351

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To whom this may concern:

I am writing to express my strong support for Bill H-5351, which would allow all medical and aesthetic professionals in Rhode Island to fully practice and delegate within the scope of their training and expertise.

Currently, the Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) is restricting access to services I have been receiving from my aesthetic provider. I have been informed that I will no longer be able to receive treatments like Botox, laser hair removal, and microneedling with my current aesthetic provider, who is a nurse practitioner.

I have been under the care of this aesthetic provider for many years, and I've also received treatments from other highly skilled and professional nurse aesthetics providers. I trust them with my care and feel confident in their abilities. I do not want to lose the freedom to choose my provider. I wish to continue receiving my aesthetic care at a medical spa from my nurse practitioner.

It is unjust to say that nurses or nurse practitioners should not be allowed to provide these services. They are trained, educated, and highly competent professionals—many of whom I trust even more than some medical doctors.

If Rhode Island and the RIDOH enforce such restrictive regulations, I would be forced to seek treatment in neighboring states like Massachusetts or Connecticut, which is unfair. We should be supporting small businesses in Rhode Island, especially in the rapidly growing, profitable aesthetics industry, which could contribute to strengthening the state's economy. Current restrictions on the scope of practice are stifling the growth of aesthetic medicine in our state without enhancing safety.

Sincerely,

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