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Sent: Monday, February 24, 2025 11:09 AM
To: House Health and Human Services Committee
Cc: Rep. Baginski, Jacquelyn M.; policastrogroup@gmail.com
Subject: I support Bill H-5351.

Dear Representative,

I am writing to express my strong support for Bill H-5351. The passage of this bill will enable talented, educated, and skilled providers across Rhode Island to continue their valuable work. It will also provide crucial support for small businesses in our state. Should this bill be rejected, I fear that businesses may be forced to close, and highly skilled nurses, nurse practitioners, and estheticians may seek employment in neighboring states.

Nurses undergo extensive safety training and spend four years in school learning how to assess and meet patient needs. We are often the first to interact with patients and clients, making our assessment skills vital. I believe these skills directly translate to the aesthetics and medspa fields.

I have nearly 10 years of nursing experience and have found my passion in aesthetics. I began my career saving lives in the emergency room, and now I change lives by helping people look and feel their best. This boosts their confidence and allows them to live more fulfilling lives. Clients travel from Massachusetts, Connecticut, Florida, New York, and New Hampshire to visit firmmd in Newport, Rhode Island. They pass countless other medspas to receive our services, which demonstrates their high level of confidence in our small business. This also generates significant revenue for Rhode Island, as clients frequent local restaurants, coffee shops, and other small businesses that we recommend. If this bill fails, all of that ancillary business will be lost as well.

Please demonstrate your faith and support for nurses by voting in favor of this bill. You trusted us during the uncharted and unknown territory of Covid; I ask that you trust us here as well.

Sincerely,

Paige Johnson