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**Dear Representatives,**

I am writing in strong support of **Bill H-5351**.

As the Director of Neurology at South County Hospital for the past 30 years, I have worked closely with Physician Assistants, Nurse Practitioners, and Registered Nurses. These professionals play a critical role in patient care across various settings, including the Emergency Room, medical wards, and the Intensive Care Unit.

NPs and PAs in these areas carry the same level of responsibility and perform the same duties as physicians. Additionally, RNs, with appropriate delegation, have the education, training, and clinical expertise to serve as the backbone of inpatient care. Given their ability to administer life-saving treatments and high-risk medications, it is both inconsistent and unwarranted to restrict their scope of practice in the field of aesthetics.

Aesthetic providers frequently collaborate with dermatologists, primary care physicians, and specialists like neurologists. For example, Pamela Lutes, APRN, owner of Inspire Medical Spa and Wellness Center in Narragansett, provided valuable insights into Botox administration that enhanced my own approach to migraine treatment. The standard migraine protocol prescribes doses and placement that some patients cannot tolerate without experiencing side effects, such as heavy brows. By collaborating, we refined treatment strategies to improve patient outcomes. This kind of interdisciplinary cooperation is essential in both medical and aesthetic practices.

For these reasons, I **fully support Bill H-5351** and urge you to do the same.

Respectfully,



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Past President Rhode Island Neurological Association.