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The Honorable Members of the Rhode Island General Assembly
State House
Providence, RI

Subject: Support for Bill RI H-5351 to Protect Scope of Practice for Medical and Aesthetic Professionals

Dear Members of the Rhode Island General Assembly,

I am expressing my strong support for Bill RI H-5351, which aims to enable all medical and aesthetic professionals in Rhode Island to work and delegate to the fullest extent of their scope of practice. As a patient who has received care from nurse practitioner Jana Magarian over several years for rosacea and skin pigmentation issues, I have firsthand experience of the admirable care and professionalism she provides. Limiting her ability to practice independently would significantly impact my access to trusted and effective healthcare.

Jana has been instrumental in managing my skin condition with expertise and skill. Her ability to assess my condition, order necessary tests, and promptly prescribe treatments has been essential to my health and well-being. I always feel she spends adequate time with me, addressing my concerns and providing safe, comfortable, and holistic care. Limiting her scope of practice would create barriers for me and many patients who rely on her services.

Rhode Island's current full practice authority for nurse practitioners ensures patients receive timely, cost-effective care. This autonomy has allowed my nurse practitioner to provide treatment that has enhanced both my health and quality of life. However, I am concerned that restrictive interpretations of guidelines could threaten access to this care. Limiting nurse practitioners' ability to practice fully would disrupt continuity of care and reduce the ability to procure economical, high-quality healthcare for many Rhode Islanders.

I urge you to pass this bill and maintain Rhode Island's leadership in promoting accessible healthcare to its constituents. The current full practice authority for nurse practitioners in Rhode Island ensures patients receive the prompt, affordable care we deserve. Limiting this autonomy could lead to longer wait times, increased healthcare costs, and decreased access to essential services. People depend on the expertise and independence of nurse practitioners and other professionals who are dedicated to improving lives.

Thank you for considering this important legislation.

Sincerely,

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