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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 Expand Scope of Practice for Medical and Aesthetic Professionals**

**Dear Members of the Rhode Island General Assembly,**

I am writing to express my strong support for Bill RI H-5351, which seeks to allow all medical and healthcare professionals in Rhode Island to practice and delegate to the full extent of their scope. As a primary care and aesthetic patient under the care of Nurse Practitioner Meaghan Macrae, I have received quality, dependable care that has significantly contributed to my overall health and well-being along with of neurotoxin treatments, hyaluronic acid fillers, and medical-grade skincare, I have experienced firsthand the exceptional care and expertise she provides.

Primary care is an essential part of everyone's health, serving as the foundation for preventive care, early detection, and effective management of ongoing health concerns. As a primary care patient, I understand how important it is for healthcare professionals to have the autonomy to practice to the full extent of their education and training. Rhode Island is fortunate to be a full practice authority state, enabling nurse practitioners to operate independently without unnecessary supervision. This autonomy has allowed my nurse practitioner to deliver timely and effective treatments, significantly improving my health and quality of life. However, I am concerned that restrictive interpretations of guidelines could undermine access to this vital care. Limiting the ability of nurse practitioners to practice fully would disrupt continuity of care and reduce access to affordable, high-quality healthcare for many Rhode Islanders.

Although I do not live in Rhode Island, I choose to travel there for my primary care because of the exceptional treatment I receive. The quality of care, attentiveness, and expertise provided by my primary care provider in Rhode Island far surpasses what I have experienced elsewhere. Mrs. Macrae's ability to listen, diagnose, and treat with a patient-centered approach has made a significant difference in my health and well-being. However, restrictive scope-of-practice laws threaten to limit the effectiveness of providers like mine, which could ultimately impact my access to the high-quality care that keeps me coming back to Rhode Island.

As we all know Rhode Island is already experiencing a significant shortage of healthcare providers, particularly in primary care. Without legislative action, this issue will only worsen, leading to increased wait times, reduced access to care, and added strain on overburdened practitioners. By passing Bill RI H-5351, Rhode Island can retain and attract skilled professionals, ensuring that patients continue to receive the high-quality care they deserve.

I urge you to pass this bill to maintain Rhode Island's leadership in promoting accessible and efficient healthcare. Patients like me depend on the expertise and autonomy of nurse practitioners and other healthcare professionals who are committed to improving our lives.

Thank you for considering this important legislation.

Sincerely,  
Tara Doyon