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House Health and Human Services Committee 82 Smith Street Providence, RI 02903

Dear Members of the House Health and Human Services Committee.

I am writing to share my personal experience with medical spas and how they have positively impacted my life, both as an individual and as a professional. I believe that Bill H-5351 is critical for the success of this industry as well as the continuation of a high level of care for all patients. As a spa manager, my livelihood depends on the continued growth and regulation of medical spas, and I believe it is important for the committee to understand how these facilities contribute not only to individuals' health and well-being but also to the local economy and workforce.

For many years, I struggled with severe acne scaring. The topical treatments offered to me by dermatologists proved ineffective, and I was left feeling frustrated and uncertain about how to improve my condition. However, when I first explored medical spas, I was amazed at how their holistic, medically-supervised treatments addressed my concerns in ways I hadn't previously experienced.

The professional care provided by practitioners at medical spas has made a huge difference in my life. Some of the very treatments that Nurse Practitioners are no longer allowed to perform are the treatments that made the biggest difference for my condition. These treatments have not only improved my physical appearance but also my mental and emotional well-being. The treatments I have received have increased my self-confidence, reduced stress, and allowed me to feel more comfortable in my own skin.

As a spa manager, I can personally speak to the positive impact that medical spas have on the community and the workforce. The jobs created by medical spas support a variety of skilled professionals, from licensed practitioners to administrative staff, and contribute to the local economy. The continued success and regulation of medical spas are essential for the livelihood of many individuals, including my own. The uncertainty surrounding the regulations of medical spas has been a challenge, and passing this bill would provide much-needed clarity and security for all involved in this industry.

I believe regulation is absolutely important to ensure the safety and efficacy of the services offered at medical spas, but I also feel that regulation must be sensible. It's crucial that any new regulations are thoughtful, allowing medical spas to continue providing their valuable services while also maintaining the necessary standards to protect both clients and staff. Overly restrictive regulations could hinder the ability of medical spas to operate effectively and may negatively impact the industry, its workers, and the people who rely on these services for their health and wellness.

I encourage the committee to consider the positive contributions of medical spas, as well as the need for sensible regulation that promotes safety without stifling the growth of this valuable sector. Bill H-5351 is an important step toward ensuring the continued success of medical spas, and I trust you will keep the needs of both the industry and the individuals it serves in mind.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. I appreciate the committee's work in promoting and protecting the health and well-being of individuals, and I hope that you will support sensible regulations that help medical spas thrive.

Sincerely, Victoria Perrotti