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**To:** House Health and Human Services Committee; Rep. Baginski, Jacquelyn M.; policastrogroup@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Steve Sepe Support Bill 5351

As a dedicated aesthetic professional in Rhode Island, I am writing to express my strong support for House Bill H5351, the "Medical Aesthetic Practices Safety Act." This legislation mandates that cosmetic medical procedures be performed by a physician, physician assistant (PA), advanced practice registered nurse (APRN), or delegated to a qualified non-physician under their supervision. Rhode Island has long recognized the full practice authority of nurse practitioners (NPs), allowing them to provide comprehensive healthcare services autonomously. House Bill H5351 seeks to uphold and protect this autonomy, ensuring that NPs can continue to deliver essential medical aesthetic services without unnecessary restrictions. By safeguarding the independent practice rights of NPs, this bill not only reinforces patient access to qualified medical professionals but also upholds the right of individuals to choose their preferred healthcare providers. Maintaining full practice authority for NPs is crucial for delivering timely, safe, and effective care, particularly in underserved areas where healthcare resources are limited. Preserving the autonomy of NPs aligns with national standards and has been shown to improve healthcare outcomes by reducing barriers to care. It fosters a more efficient healthcare system, enabling patients to benefit from the comprehensive services that NPs are trained and certified to provide. I strongly urge you to support H5351 to maintain a patient-centered healthcare environment in Rhode Island that respects and protects the established practice rights of nurse practitioners.