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To: House Health and Human Services Committee
Cc: Rep. Spears, Tina L.
Subject: Support For RI House Bill H6088

Dear Members of the RI House Health and Services Committee,

My name is Judith Gray and I live in New Shoreham. I am writing today about bill H6088 that allows a certified foot care nurse or a certified foot care specialist to provide certain at-home foot care including routine foot and nail care including nail clipping. Many thanks to Rep. Spears for sponsoring this bill.

As the primary caregiver for each of my parents for several years, both of whom did not travel easily, it was a huge relief to have routine foot care available at home. Neither parent was able to care for their feet themselves, for different reasons, and foot health is critical to overall health and mobility.

Foot care nurses bridge the gap of safe routine foot care, especially for homebound and disabled residents, with a focus on prevention, wellness, and health maintenance. Foot care nursing is not only important to the people receiving the care as they 'age in place,' but also provides support and relief to caregivers.

H6088 will allow RI to join much of the rest of the country in supporting and embracing the Foot Care Nursing profession.

Thank you.

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"The most common way that people give up their power is by thinking they don't have any." – Alice Walker