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TO: Chair Donovan and members of the House Human Health Services Committee Email: HouseHealthandHumanServices@rilegislature.gov

CC: Lauren Carson

FROM: Maureen Booth

RE: Support for H7029

DATE: 2/9/2026

Chair Donovan and honorable members of the House Health and Human Services Committee:

My name is Maureen Booth and I live in Newport.

I am writing to urge you to support H7029 (Boylan), which would permit a nurse who has the appropriate knowledge and can demonstrate clinical competency to provide routine home foot care services. As a home hospice nurse working throughout the state, I am frequently asked about how our patients and families can access routine foot care. Most often our patients are homebound and even bedbound, leaving families with limited to no options for foot care as podiatrists do not do home visits. A certified foot care nurse can fill this void providing patients with increased comfort and dignity and giving their caregivers peace of mind that their loved ones will be able to receive the care they need.

Rhode Islanders deserve access to safe, routine foot care in the home. Aging in place often requires family caregivers to step in and provide personal care for loved ones, including routine foot care. Family members often lack skill, knowledge, and confidence in safely providing this care. Passing this bill and allowing nurses to fill this gap is the humane thing to do to promote the health and wellness of the most vulnerable in our state. Residents and their caregivers in RI deserve access to these services. Rhode Island is the only state in the country preventing trained nurses from providing this care.

A nearly identical bill passed in the House unanimously in 2025. Please pass this bill out of committee and to the House floor with a recommendation for passage.

Sincerely,

Maureen Booth RN CHPN CHPPN

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