

**Testimony on H7029**  
**An Act Relating to Businesses and Professions - Nurses**

February 9, 2026

Chairperson Donovan and members of the Committee:

My name is Zachary Gauthier. I am here today to speak in strong support of House Bill 7029. This legislation is not just a policy change for me; it is about my dignity, my safety, and the daily reality of my life.

As of now, there is no other alternative for this essential care I need. Because I cannot manage these medical necessities myself, the entire volume of this responsibility falls on my parents and my family. When the system disconnects from our needs, it places a heavy, unfair burden on the people I love most. It is a genuine risk to my health and a constant worry for my family when professional help isn't accessible in our own home.

Currently, our money and well-being are tied up in a system where I am forced to get by with foot care done by myself or my family. This is simply not enough to prevent serious infection or maintain my health. It feels like we are stuck without a path forward.

This bill is the best possible solution because it finally allows certified foot care nurses to provide this care where it is needed most — at home. It would give my family the professional support we deserve and ensure I can keep my independence safely and with dignity.

I respectfully urge you to pass this bill for families like mine who are doing their best but desperately need this professional alternative. Thank you for your time and your consideration.

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