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Chairwoman Murray and honorable members of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee:

My name is Janet Flori from Cranston and I'm writing to urge you to support S2116 (Urso), which would permit a nurse who has the appropriate knowledge and can demonstrate clinical competency to provide routine home foot care services to Rhode Island seniors and/or those that may be incapable of exercising proper foot and toenail maintenance for themselves.

Rhode Islanders deserve access to safe, routine foot care and upkeep in the home environment. Although this service is often included in the care that their personal relatives and family caregivers provide for their loved ones, those same family providers often lack skill, knowledge and technique to carry out this service safely and confidently. Plus, they are burdened with multiple chores and duties that take precedence as they are often living apart from the senior person in need, have families of their own and, most likely, are juggling a job (or two). In addition, there is SO much to consider and prioritize in the human condition of a senior or disabled person, a family member helper will easily bypass or even ignore the "appendage" in the perpetual slipper sock after massaging the failing leg, managing pill distribution, tending to food preparation, feeding, monitoring lavatory use, bathing, changing under garments, adjusting hearing devices, fetching misplaced glasses, gleaning and reviewing prescriptions, etc.....

There is an obvious NEED to fill the void; thus, allowing nurses to do just THAT is the humane solution to promote health and general wellness to the most vulnerable in our state. Rhode Island is the only state in the country preventing trained nurses to provide this basic, intrinsic, yet neglected care.

PLEASE take heed and deliver this bill to the Senate floor with a recommendation for passage.

Sincerely,

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