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Dear Chairwoman Murray and Members of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee,

I am writing in support of Senate Bill No. 2116. This bill would allow certified foot care nurses to provide at-home foot care services, including routine foot and nail care such as nail clipping. It also authorizes the Department of Health to establish fair and reasonable licensing and renewal fees for nurses who provide these services.

For many older adults, routine foot care is not cosmetic — it is essential preventive health care. Even something as simple as nail trimming or addressing minor foot concerns can help prevent infections, ulcers, falls, and other serious complications that may lead to hospitalization. Small issues can quickly become major problems if left untreated.

By allowing certified nurses to provide this care in the home, Senate Bill 2116 increases access, supports early identification of potential health concerns, and reduces unnecessary doctor visits. Just as importantly, it helps older adults remain safely and comfortably in their own homes — which is where most want to be.

This is a practical, preventive, and compassionate approach to supporting Rhode Island's aging population. I respectfully urge you to support Senate Bill 2116. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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