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Subject: Against RI S2870/RI H8296

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to oppose the proposed bill. As a FNP and practice owner in both MA and RI, I am very much against this bill. APRNs in both states have full-practice authority (FPA), which means we are able to practice to the full extent of our education and training without physician supervision or collaboration, including operating our independent practices.

According to the NCBI, during the COVID-19 pandemic, restrictions on the scope of practice for APRNs were removed by state and federal governments so that patients would have proper access to the care they needed, demonstrating that NPs are in-fact, capable of practicing medicine independently and that this practice results in patient outcomes at reduced healthcare costs. It is incredibly unfair that these privileges are granted when the government sees the value of education and competency in health care providers other than physicians, yet, consider the option of removing such rights when other providers (in this case dermatologists) feel threatened by their colleagues. Additionally, the delivery of treatments should not be limited to when providers are present after they assess the patients and delegate certain procedures to professionals who have been adequately trained.

I respectfully request that these facts are considered when reviewing the proposed bill and that the same is rejected so that APRNs continue to be allowed to practice independently.

Sincerely,
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