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Subject: Letter of Support for Bill H-5351

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of Bill H-5351 proposing that all medical and aesthetic professionals in Rhode Island may work and delegate to the full extent of their scope and practice.

The RIDOH is limiting my access to the services I have been receiving from my current aesthetic practitioner. I have been told I will no longer be able to receive dermal fillers, ultherapy, salt facials, and platelet rich plasma facials.

I had been receiving the aforementioned services from my practitioner, a licensed nurse anesthetist, for approximately 4 years. I chose my practitioner based on references from patients who have received care from her in the OR setting as well as from clients receiving med spa services from her. I appreciate her pre-service consultations focusing on services appropriate for my individual needs, explanations of the risks involved in services, and thorough and clear pre and post-treatment care instructions. At times, my provider has steered me away from expensive services not consistent with my expected outcomes in favor of less expensive treatments more appropriate for my needs. She follows up on my healing status following treatment, and responds to any questions I may have in a timely manner. The spa is comfortable, clean, and clearly designed and furnished to maximize safe, painless, and hygienic treatments. Throughout the treatments, she regularly checks on whether I'm comfortable, need a break or drink of water. I have never suffered an infection or unsatisfactory results at this spa.

I want to continue receiving these services from my chosen practitioner, a licensed nurse anesthetist, who provides exemplary services with as much education and support as that provided at my primary physician's office. I have no desire to go to a different spa since I receive the best possible care at my current spa. As an aside, I also know that my provider is a highly respected professional in her capacity as a nurse anesthetist and would venture a guess that physicians working with her would also endorse her ability to function as a top-notch med spa provider.

Sincerely,

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