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To: House Health and Human Services Committee
Subject: H 6088 An Act Relating to Businesses and Professions - Podiatrists

Dear Committee Members:

My wife is an invalid, having suffered a heart attack two years ago. The heart attack was accompanied by other health issues which have made it very difficult to leave home. Her only trips outside the house are for medical purposes. She does get essential blood transfusions at Rhode Island Hospital every two weeks, but these trips are taxing. While she is in need of foot care, she has been reluctant to make an appointment with a podiatrist because of the effort it requires. In some cases, a nurse can visit the home to attend to her needs but cutting nails at home has not been an option. For this reason, I wholeheartedly support H 6088. It would go a long way to improving her quality of life.

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