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To whom it may concern,

I am writing in regards to the new Senate Bill that defines "surgery." I have been a Physician Assistant for over 14 years, with a concentrated expertise in Plastic Surgery. I own Dolce Vida Medical Spa, which has five locations across the State. I am writing to clarify that Physician Assistants, APRNs, as well as RNs are able to perform the following services with proper assessment by either a PA, APRN or MD:

Botox
Fillers
Laser Hair Removal/Photofacials

I, among many other Medical Spa employees across Connecticut, were part of the task force for Bill 1067, which was proposed in 2014. This bill defined what services were able to be rendered by PAs, APRNs, and RNs in a Medical Spa atmosphere. Botox, Laser Hair Removal/Photofacials, and Fillers were all acceptable procedures to be performed by the degrees listed. Therefore, the new bill that is attempting to pass legislation does not comply. As a surgical PA in Connecticut for over 14 years, I can knowledgeably state that minimally invasive procedures such as Botox, Laser Hair Removal, Fillers, and Photofacials certainly do not qualify as surgery.

Moving forward, I would like to see this bill amended or dismissed, and would participate in any discussions to clarify surgical definitions, and cosmetic or medical spa definitions as well. The passing of this bill in its current form would result in great loss of revenue and jobs across the State for multiple clinicians and would not comply with current standards and laws. Thank you for the time and consideration of reviewing this response.

Kindly,

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