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Subject: Oregon Association of Naturopathic Physicians Pay Parity Bill

Dear Senate and Health Care Committees,

My name is Ami Kapadia, and I am a medical doctor licensed in the state of Oregon. I would like to share my experience working with Naturopathic Doctors (NDs) to demonstrate the importance of this profession in the delivery of quality healthcare in the state of Oregon.

To give you a sense of my background, I completed my residency in Family Medicine at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in 2008. Since then, I have worked at several Veterans Administration facilities in Colorado and Oregon. I have also been a part of the on-call pool of physicians for Providence Hospital's urgent care facilities for the past 7 years.

I have been working alongside several NDs for the last 4 years at Kwan Yin Healing Arts Center, where I have a private integrative medicine practice.

During my time working alongside NDs, I have been continuously impressed with the dedication and knowledge demonstrated as well as the in-depth medical training that naturopathic doctors receive.

I rely on referrals to my naturopathic colleagues to assist in patient care in areas of medicine where I have run out of options for patients.

I have found it to be a great resource for patients to work with NDs along with MDs in order to get comprehensive care for their medical conditions. I also think it is important to offer patients freedom of choice in selecting the kind of therapies they feel are best suited for their conditions.

I think pay parity for naturopathic doctors would help greatly in patients' access to care in Oregon.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for any further information needed.

Sincerely,

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