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Subject: Oregon Association of Naturopathic Physicians Pay Parity Bill

Dear Senate and House Health Care Committees,

My name is Molly M Rodden and I am dual board certified Family Nurse Practitioner and Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner with a decade of experience. I would like to share my experience working with an ND to show the importance of this profession in the delivery of quality healthcare in the state of Oregon.

I have had the privilege of working with many ND's in my role as a medical director. In my experience Naturopathic Physicians are educated, kind, caring and thorough physicians who put the needs of their clients first. They offer care to underserved populations, care to those seeking freedom from opiates, life style changes, non-opiate based pain control measures and excellent primary care for those with routine health needs. They are consistent, conservative and creative in their prescribing approach avoiding substances with high addiction potential and encouraging their patients to make common sense life changes in order to promote health. I have personally witnessed the professional, cost effective and high quality care delivered by Naturopathic Physicians. They are a welcome and respected member of the primary care team. Barriers to care such as low reimbursement and exclusion from insurance panels only hinder the provision of medical care while further exacerbating the shortage of primary care providers. They provide care on-par with Nurse Practitioners and Medical Doctors; they have earned equal reimbursement for equal services.

I am encouraging you to vote yes on the Naturopathic Physician Pay Parity bill.

Sincerely,

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