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Subject: Oregon Association of Naturopathic Physicians Pay Parity Bill

Dear Senate and Health Care Committees,

My name is Shannon Forrestall and I am a physical therapist. 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 found working with my ND colleagues to be an invaluable part of the care team approach with mutual patients. Their education, competence and professionalism have allowed me as a clinician to have very positive therapeutic outcomes with our patients. I have always witnessed very appropriate medical referrals to my clinic from NDs. Additionally, if further investigations into a patient's changing condition had been warranted, I feel my ND colleagues have always been approachable as well as competent in the process of further assessing medical needs.

I am asking that you vote yes on the Naturopathic Physician Pay Parity bill. NDs provide a high value of care to Oregonians. NDs absolutely need greater recognition for their contributions to medicine.

Sincerely,

Shannon Forrestall, MSPT