Name: Timothy J Smith, MD

Date: 2/11/19

Subject: Oregon Association of Naturopathic Physicians Pay Parity Bill

Dear Senate and Health Care Committees,

My name is Tim Smith and I am an MD. 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 nothing but positive experiences collaborating with naturopathic physicians. Naturopathic physicians clearly possess competence and professionalism in caring for patients and I believe that NDs should be respected as equal members at the healthcare table. I have referred many patients to NDs and have always been impressed with the results.

I am asking that you vote yes on the Naturopathic Physician Pay Parity bill.

Sincerely,

Timothy J Smith, MD