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Subject: Oregon Association of Naturopathic Physicians Pay Parity Bill

Dear Senate and House Health Care Committees,

My name is Elaina McCormick and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Physician. I would like to share my experience working with an ND to show the importance of this profession in the state of Oregon.

I have had amazing care from Naturopathic Physicians ever since I was a toddler. I have also seen many Medical Doctors and other health care providers in my lifetime. For the last nine years my Primary Care Provider has always been a Naturopathic Physician.

I appreciate that Naturopathic Physicians give me the time I need to talk about my health concerns. They always give me time to ask all the questions I have. The naturopathic care provided to me is detailed and has great critical thinking behind it.

The foundation behind any doctor patient pair is a professional relationship. If a patient can feel comfortable with who their doctor is, then that patient has the safety to go forth and try to transform their life into a healthier life. The transformation into a healthier lifestyle is the preventative care model that will help the patient be a more productive community member, and they will also be more satisfied with their own life.

I see a Naturopathic Physician because they have the tools it takes to help me to transform my life into a healthier life. I can wear glasses because of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND). I used to have such a sensitive nose that I got headaches when I wore glasses. Once an ND treated my affected area, I became able to wear glasses with no headaches and no associated pain.

Why are naturopathic physicians paid so little compared to the other providers I have seen? I believe Naturopathic Physicians are taught the philosophy that the 21st century patient wants from their Primary Care Provider.

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

Sincerely,

Elaina McCormick