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Subject: Oregon Association of Naturopathic Physicians Pay Parity Bill

Dear Senate and House Health Care Committees,

My name is Kevyn Carothers and I am in my third year of naturopathic medical school. I would like to share my experience as a student to show the importance of this profession in the delivery of quality healthcare in the state of Oregon, and the barriers that we face in trying to deliver this care.

As I reflect back on my experience at school, I am awed by what I have accomplished thus far. I have spent countless hours learning anatomy and biochemistry, as well as diagnostic criteria, etiologies, risk factors, and clinical characteristics of pathologies effecting the cardiovascular, endocrine, gastrointestinal, immunological, pulmonary, neurological, reproductive and urinary systems.

As I begin my clinical rotations, I am honored to work directly with patients and assist them in their journey to health and wellness.

The importance of working with underserved populations has become abundantly clear and having the ability to provide excellent medical care to each and every person that seeks it is crucial.

Unfortunately, this is not something that can be accomplished without proper reimbursement.

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

My deepest gratitude for your time and attention to this matter,

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