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Re: SB772, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear Senate Health Care Committee,

My name is Korleen Kraft and I have been receiving the services of my naturopathic doctor (ND) for over 25 years. I have been appalled that her compensation is drastically less than that paid to MD's.

The comprehensive education and care model for an ND is unique and may be used as quality stand alone care or in conjunction with that of an MD. However, the insurance industry doesn't compensate an ND in the same way and some policies don't cover these services at all. As it stands currently, an ND must often refer a patient to an MD for certain kinds of tests. It is duplicative and unfair.

I am asking you to vote yes on SB772 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,

Korleen Kraft
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