

Dear Senate Health Care Committee,

My name is Diana Kincaid and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND). I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support SB772.

I have worked with many types of medical providers, and my most significant health and healing has come from the care of Naturopathic Doctors. They do an amazing job of incorporating all body systems to find what is wrong and determine how to best treat each patient.

Unfortunately, right now in Oregon NDs are not being fairly compensated for their valuable contributions to healthcare in this state. This makes it more difficult for people like me to access this unique and essential level of care. It also limits my choices when it comes to healthcare.

My ND manages the majority of my healthcare needs whether it be my annual physical, lab orders, health screenings or prescription (s). They also refer me to other competent providers and specialists when appropriate. In addition, they teach me about diet and nutrition, how to stay active, manage stress, improve my sleep and become more proactive in my own healthcare. All of these things come together to create a more complete treatment plan for my health and I have never felt better.

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

Sincerely-
Diana Kincaid