

Dear Senate Health Care Committee,

My name is Jeanne Pace 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 none have taken the time and shown the care in my health and welfare like my naturopathic physician. The level of education, support, and competent care that I have received has helped me move forward with my health conditions.

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

My ND manages the majority of my healthcare needs and refers me to other competent providers and specialists when appropriate. In addition, she teaches me about diet and nutrition, exercise, managing stress, improving my sleep, and becoming more proactive in my own healthcare. For the last 20+ years my Naturopathic Doctor has been the point person for all my health and wellness needs.

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

Sincerely,

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