

Allied Provider Letter Template

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

Dear Senate Health Care Committee,

My name is Shannon Chawla and I am an acupuncturist. I would like to share my experience working in Oregon as a licensed LAc and ask you to please support SB772.

I have had the opportunity to work with Naturopathic Doctors and appreciate the unique and valuable skill set and approach to care that they offer. I have always found NDs to be professional, knowledgeable and well trained clinically. Most importantly I have witnessed the positive impact the care from and ND has in the health and life of their patient.

Unfortunately, NDs are not being fairly compensated for our valuable contributions to healthcare in this great state. This makes it more difficult for people like me to stay in practice and deliver this essential and unique level of care. It also limits access to healthcare for my patients as well as other individuals and families in the community. And for those of us who have been able to stay in practice, we do so at a great economic disadvantage to our peers, making it difficult to repay student loans, raise a family and give back to the community.

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

Sincerely yours,
Shannon Chawla LAc