

Dear Senate Health Care Committee,

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. Unfortunately, right now in Oregon, NDs are not being fairly compensated for their valuable contributions to healthcare.

My ND manages much of my healthcare needs. 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 yours,

Edward Kolbe