

Dear Senate and Health Care Committees,

I have been a patient of a naturopathic physician or ND for years, and I also see an MD as required by my health insurance. I believe ND's provide amazing medical care and bring a very valuable perspective to treating the whole patient, and considering long-term maintenance and factors affecting health and not just treatment of symptoms and disease. I love my ND physician and feel that she takes the time to really understand the underlying source of illnesses and also finds a way to prevent illness by supporting overall health.

It astonishes me that they are paid less than other providers while providing the same (and often better!!) services.

I am asking that you vote yes on the Naturopathic Physicians Pay Parity Bill.

Sincerely,
Barbara Wyse

Dear Senate and Health Care Committee Members,

My name is Andrew Marsh and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673. 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 not only helped me move forward with my health conditions, but has renewed my faith in the healthcare system. Unfortunately, right now in Oregon NDs 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 unique and essential level of care. It also limits my choices when it comes to healthcare.

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I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,
Andrew Marsh

Dear Senate and Health Care Committees,

My name is Raevan and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Physician. I would like to share my experience working with an ND to show the importance of this profession in the state of Oregon.

Having suffered for years with chronic health conditions and having utilized the services of both allopathic and naturopathic doctors, I can say unequivocally that naturopathic medicine is what helped me restore my health.

Time and again allopathic medical doctors had no diagnoses or treatment suggestions to help my conditions. They performed cursory examinations and ordered routine labs that revealed no solutions to my problems.

The naturopaths I have worked with have taken the time to do extremely thorough health assessments and expanded labs and other tests, without ever giving up on my case. In doing so, they were finally able to diagnose and treat my underlying conditions. Today I enjoy a quality of health and life that is hundreds of times better had I not been under their care.

It has been frustrating over the years that naturopathic care is rarely covered by insurance and in order to receive this invaluable care, I have spent tens of thousands of dollars out of pocket to do so. I believe that the fact that naturopathic health care is not covered by many health insurance companies is a huge barrier to people getting the care they need to recover from their individual health concerns.

Typically, the naturopaths I have seen possess training and experience that seems to far outpace the allopathic physicians I have worked with. I understand that the training in each discipline is unique, but I have had few positive healing experiences working with allopaths.

Why are naturopathic physicians paid so little compared to the other providers I have seen?

I am asking that you vote yes on the Naturopathic Physician Pay Parity bill.

Sincerely,
Raevan D. Richelle

Dear Senate and Health Care Committees,

My name is Jamie and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Physician. I would like to share my experience working with an ND to show the importance of this profession in the state of Oregon.

Being a woman in my early 40's, I have for the last decade exclusively seen ND doctors for my numerous autoimmune symptoms that all MD's overlook, ignore, or say that there is nothing to be done. Since seeing ND doctors that often look at symptoms in a holistic manner and treated with lifestyle changes, I often find relief and regain quality of life.

I think in the coming years, ESPECIALLY, with Long Covid symptoms that are going to be overwhelming our healthcare system, we will need our naturopathic doctors to promote vitality and health in ways MD are just not trained.

Please help us secure fair pay for equal work and educational expertise!
I am asking that you vote yes on the Naturopathic Physician Pay Parity bill.

Sincerely,
Jamie Michaud

Dear Senate and Health Care Committees,

My name is Mara and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Physician. I would like to share my experience working with an ND to show the importance of this profession in the state of Oregon.

I have been the recipient of naturopathic care for most of my adult life. This care has been vital to keep me a healthy 50-year-old woman. My naturopaths have been attuned, attentive, validating and so thorough in their care. I want others to be as fortunate.

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Sincerely,
Mara McLoughlin, MS, CCC- SLP

Dear Senate and Health Care Committees,

My name is Nancy Zan and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Physician/Acupuncturist. I would like to share my experience working with an ND to show the importance of this profession in the state of Oregon.

- My ND/Acupuncturist actually takes the time to sit down with me and proactively asks about my ailments and notices changes to my health at our appointments.
- Each visit with her lasts between 1 hour - 1.5 hours, time that my PCP (Md) would never take with me, those appointments are about 15 mins long in comparison, and only ever end with drugs as a solution, in an attempt to address symptoms, and never the causes.
- My ND looks at my health with a holistic point of view, and as a result has been able to solve issues that my PCP has never asked about, using natural methods such as acupuncture, massage, heat therapy, and herbal remedies that have actually been life changing for my health.
- I wish I could have my ND as a primary care provider, but many insurance companies do not allow natural care to be part of the medical solution and are not covered in the same way as PCPs.

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Sincerely,
Nancy Zan

Dear Senate and Health Care Committees,

My name is Stephanie and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Physician. I would like to share my experience working with an ND to show the importance of this profession in the state of Oregon.

Many practitioners provide 15 minutes per patient each visit. They look at the symptoms and treat it as quickly as possible. Naturopathic practitioners provide on average about an hour to each patient visit. They look at the patient holistically, trying to get to the root cause of the issue. Yes, they will treat symptoms, but also while treating the root cause. They care so much and have such a wealth of knowledge in so many things/areas.

In my experience, I had an ectopic pregnancy about a year ago. My naturopathic providers helped me so much that I essentially overcame my physical and emotional trauma much more quickly than I would have if I had seen an MD. They listened to me, and provided me with so many resources and support that never would have happened at a doctor's office. They gave me much more natural ways to overcome it than just taking a pill.

I also have REALLY bad allergies. They have also helped tame down my allergies significantly, with herbs and acupuncture and things of that nature. I have been trying my entire life to get my allergies under control, and it never happened until my mid 30's when I finally started seeing a naturopathic doctor.

Why are naturopathic physicians paid so little compared to the other providers I have seen? It really saddens and angers me that they do not get the pay they deserve. They go through just as much schooling as someone with an MD, and have just as much knowledge (if not more) than an MD.

I am asking that you vote yes on the Naturopathic Physician Pay Parity bill.

Thank you for listening,
Stephanie Schwartz

Dear Senate and Health Care Committees,

My name is David Dugo and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Physician. I would like to share my experience working with an ND to show the importance of this profession in the state of Oregon.

I have worked with my Naturopathic Physician to resolve health problems that did not respond to traditional allopathic medicine approaches. My dermatologist diagnosed psoriatic dermatitis and prescribed a steroidal cream that had little effect with unwanted side-effects. My naturopath took another approach. By helping me analyze and change my diet and lifestyle, my condition cleared up without steroids. Their focus on enhancing health and the understanding the interplay of systems within the body is a crucial tool in our healthcare toolbox. Their level of training, expertise, and holistic approach to enhancing health rather than simply responding to symptoms with expensive medicines or surgeries, is an approach that should be supported by legal and policy solutions.

Avoiding expensive prescriptions or medical procedures through a holistic approach has been proven by research to keep healthcare costs down and enhance patient outcomes. I can't think of a more compelling rationale for supporting naturopathic positions in law and policy. They deserve more pay and prestige than they get, and elevating their profession only to enhance the public good and protect the state's bottom line.

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Sincerely,
David C Dugo Jr

Dear Senate and Health Care Committees,

My name is Rachel Adler and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Physician. I would like to share my experience working with an ND to show the importance of this profession in the state of Oregon.

I choose to see a Naturopathic Doctor to meet my healthcare needs, because I value working with a physician who is trained in more holistic medicine. I had several chronic health issues that were not successfully treated working with Physicians Assistants, Nurse Practitioners, and general practice physicians. My Naturopath was able to help me overcome these health challenges, and I believe they should be paid more in alignment with the salaries of the above professions.

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Sincerely,
Rachel Adler

Dear Senate and Health Care Committees,

My name Aoede Pando and I am a patient of several Naturopathic Physicians. Without my naturopathic doctors, I would be in the same amount of pain and misery that I was in the entire time I was seeing traditional MDs. Access to the healthcare of one's own choosing should be a human right, and the disregard NDs are shown makes that much more difficult than it should be. The government's classing of NDs as "not a real medical profession" also puts undo hardship on people like me, who are filing for disability, to have their medical story taken seriously.

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Sincerely,
Aoede Pando

Dear Senate and Health Care Committees,

My name is Kat van der Hoorn and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Physician. I would like to share my experience working with an ND to show the importance of this profession in the state of Oregon.

My primary care physician is ND Sara Hopkins of the Ren Clinic. She has been so much more than a generic doctor to me; she has been a prescriber of my complex psychiatric needs with far more understanding and research than psychiatrists, helped me wholeheartedly with various health concerns and has not rested until they were resolved, and has always gone above and beyond to help me with any medical needs and tests, as well as psychological support.

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Sincerely,

Kat van der Hoorn

Dear Senate and Health Care Committees,

I am a patient of a Naturopathic Physician. I started seeing an ND after going to several different MDs, including expensive specialists, for help with a chronic health problem. The MDs charged a lot of money but failed to help me. My ND, in contrast, worked with me to make some dietary changes and try supplements that cleared up my problems.

If NDs are sometimes more effective than MDs, why are they paid so much less?

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Sincerely,

Kristin Eberhard

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is James Evans Harvey and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

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Sincerely yours,
James Harvey

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is Tanah Clunies-Ross and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

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Dear Senate and Health Care Committee Members,

My name is Marlo Keliheleua and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor , Tyler Keliheleua, and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673. 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 not only helped me move forward with my health conditions, but has renewed my faith in the healthcare system.

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Sincerely yours,
Marlo Keliheleua

Hello

I have benefitted from naturopathic forms of medicine even through Medicare. Throughout my medical journey from weekly and monthly blood draws to unfathomable and embarrassing side effects from both medication and chronic illness.

The Body keeps the score and through severe socioeconomic pressures and imbalances frankly anyone who lives in the modern day life in the northern hemisphere and beyond has deeply severed connections and consistencies that the distractions of the world today have given us - from unhealthy copes to systemic racism, we are all affected, even those who seemingly benefit yet only financially / Big Pharma.

Please take this document to heart as I know and we all know what truly matters and it starts with each of us finding the root cause and not masking symptoms with distraction.

Sincerely and best regards
Zack Riback

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is Svetlana Kostel and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

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Sincerely yours,
Svetlana Kostel

Dear Senate and Health Care Committees,

My name is Carolyn Schulte and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Physician. I would like to share my experience working with an ND to show the importance of this profession in the state of Oregon.

I sought out an ND because the PCP I was seeing approached me and my care as a list of symptoms, rather than as a whole person. When my symptoms didn't align or coordinate to direct her to a clear or acute "problem" that could be treated and "fixed," my feelings and symptoms were brushed aside due to my otherwise healthy profile. As a result, in this model of care I am often left feeling gaslit and overly sensitive, which causes me to question myself and have less confidence in my own body. This makes me less likely to seek medical care.

I love naturopathic care because it is rooted in a conversation and a relationship, and my experience of my own body and mind is centered in my provider's recommendations for me. I feel seen as a whole person and understood within my broader context. Within the naturopathic model of care, I have been able to resolve emotional and physical

ailments that were never labeled with a specific diagnosis, but were still understood and taken seriously because my provider believed me and listened with a holistic ear and perspective.

Why are naturopathic physicians paid so little compared to the other providers I have seen? They undergo years of training just like MDs do, and — in many cases — offer a more integrated and holistic service.

I am asking that you vote yes on the Naturopathic Physician Pay Parity bill.

Sincerely,
Carolyn Schulte, LMFT

Dear Senate and Health Care Committees,

My name is Carol Weber and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Physician. I would like to share my experience working with an ND to show the importance of this profession in the state of Oregon.

I appreciate working with an ND because many times we can solve a physical issue without the use of harmful drugs. It's so important that we have a choice in our healthcare and that we acknowledge that an ND is as valuable as any other physician.

I have personally been able to relieve pains and symptoms that I was unsuccessful with in other options.

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Sincerely,
Carol Weber

Dear Senate and Health Care Committees,

My name is Amanda Garber and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Physician. I would like to share my experience working with an ND to show the importance of this profession in the state of Oregon.

I am 3 weeks postpartum with my daughter and I had the honor to be seen by a NP during my prenatal care. This is my second child and I had a far better experience this time around than when I saw a traditional practitioner with my first born. I felt as though I had many options given to me during my time of care, that I was heard/seen/valued along the way. When I had complications arise in my pregnancy they were met with many solid options and patience to try a variety of alternative and preventative measures. Research has shown that preventative care reduces long term health care costs over time, thus a more economical and sustainable option.

It is important to me as a mother that I have the choice in my healthcare for who cares for me and my family. I love that my ND cares for me but also my children. It is a wholistic health care model that I value and trust. I feel as though my ND listens to my concerns and takes time to care for me without feeling rushed. I choose to see a ND to give me and my family more options for our health as well as to be supported with natural and holistic health practices. I have seen the power of many plant based medicines transform my family's health. I have been able to stay off of prescription medications and use natural tools to manage my health conditions. I have been supported closely by my ND along the way by maintaining safe practices and health requirements to do so. I am so happy to be able to use these tools to support my family.

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Sincerely,
Amanda Garber

Dear Senate and Health Care Committees,

My name is Heather Watts and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Physician. I would like to share my experience working with an ND to show the importance of this profession in the state of Oregon.

I have had a Naturopath Doctor for over 10 years. I prefer their whole body health approach for my preventative health as well as any acute illness that occurs. I made this change after I had a sudden onset of dizziness, nausea, panic attacks and anxiety. I went to the Emergency room because I wasn't feeling myself at all. They didn't find anything and just prescribed sedatives for anxiety. I was still having issues weeks later. After seeing a Naturopath and taking extensive health history as well as any recent illnesses, she took her time researching possibilities as to why I was having the symptoms that I was having. Still having symptoms a week later, She called me at 9pm one night and had a diagnosis for me! Labyrinthitis, inflammation of the inner ear that can cause vertigo, dizziness and some people who have vertigo have panic attacks because of the sudden episodes and disorientation. She put me on some herbal supplements and had me doing certain head and neck exercises and a specific diet. I no longer needed the sedatives originally prescribed at the emergency room. I feel if I had continued seeing an MD, I would have just been prescribed more anti-anxiety meds, instead of receiving a diagnosis.

My current Naturopath is also a specialized midwife who was present during the birth of my second child. I deeply appreciate the care, both physical and mental, that she has provided around my pregnancy and postpartum and current well women care I receive today.

I value having a Naturopath as my primary care doctor. So many of the health issues that I have had, are related to stress and my diet. I appreciate the time and knowledge Naturopaths have to help guide my health, not just prescribe medications, but really shape and guide lifestyle choices.

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I am asking that you vote yes on the Naturopathic Physician Pay Parity bill.

Sincerely,
Heather Watts

Dear Senate and Health Care Committees,

My name is Linda Burrell, and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Physician. I would like to share my experience working with an ND to show the importance of this profession in the state of Oregon.

I don't know if you have experienced medical treatment under the care of a ND, but I would like to report to you that my visits have been the most positive of all my medical care. I am 66 years old, and I had not had the opportunity to be treated by an ND until I moved to Oregon 11 years ago. I want to tell you why I value my ND.

I believe the most important advantage of seeing my ND is that we work together to maintain my wellness as it pertains to my specific thyroid and blood pressure issues, but also my diet and exercise, and additionally, my stress/anxiety issues. From my first visit, my ND involved me as a partner in my care and took time to educate me about my health needs. Because of my ND's care, I no longer need medication for mental health; I had seen MDs for years to address my stress issues.

I believe patient choice is important for healthcare. There have been times that my ND has sent me to specialists that are MDs for specialized care, and both doctors worked together to take care of my medical issues; however, I find the disparity between the pay and value of these two groups of medical providers is unfair and unwarranted.

Why are Naturopathic Physicians paid so little compared to the other providers I have seen? They both study medicine, pass state board exams, and provide healthcare to their patients. They both are required to document continuing education in their practices, hold malpractice insurance, pay for overhead of their practices, yet they are not paid equally by insurance companies. I believe this disparity needs to be remedied for the benefit of both patients and the Naturopathic Physicians.

I am asking that you vote yes on the Naturopathic Physician Pay Parity bill.

Sincerely,
Linda Burrell

Dear Senate and Health Care Committees,

My name is Teresa Giacomini and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Physician. I would like to share my experience working with an ND to show the importance of this profession in the state of Oregon.

I have been diligently cared for by my ND who always takes time--more than my MD has--to address every concern and counsel me on what would best support my health journey. My ND takes time to research new approaches and provides educational materials and classes. I appreciate that my Naturopathic Physician provides the same care, counsel and education that I would get from an MD, and refers me to other specialists when necessary. This equal kind of care should be compensated equally.

Naturopathic care is extremely beneficial in treating me as a whole person, holistically, and so in helping me make lifestyle changes and choices that support my highest health potential. My ND doesn't just treat my symptoms or illness, but supports my whole being in wellness. I see my ND for guidance in managing Type II Diabetes and have received excellent advise and monitoring of my condition and needs.

It is incredibly important to me that we patients have choice in our healthcare. And it is important that my healthcare providers are fairly and adequately compensated for their services. Why are naturopathic physicians paid so little compared to the other providers I have seen?

I am asking that you vote yes on the Naturopathic Physician Pay Parity bill.

Sincerely,
Teresa Giacomini

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is Jennifer Light and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

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Sincerely yours,
Jennifer Light

Dear Senate and Health Care Committees,

My name is Jill Salamunovich and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Physician. I would like to share my experience working with an ND to show the importance of this profession in the state of Oregon.

Patient choice in healthcare is vital. Many Oregonians, like me, choose naturopathic care because of the holistic philosophy and approach. In my experience, working with a naturopathic physician has yielded better results because they take the time to evaluate and treat your whole person through lifestyle choices and natural treatments, rather than solely relying on pharmaceuticals. My naturopathic physician sees me as a whole person, with all aspects of my life affecting my physical health.

Why are naturopathic physicians paid so little compared to the other providers I have seen? In my experience, their level of service and expertise has been equal or superior to other doctors.

I am asking that you vote yes on the Naturopathic Physician Pay Parity bill to remedy this inequity and protect patient choice.

Sincerely,
Jill Salamunovich

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is Shelly Evans, and I am a former patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

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Sincerely yours,
Shelly Evans

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is Alan Platt. I am a patient of a naturopathic doctor in Portland, Dr. Ilana Gurevich.

I'm not going to give you a long story. I just want to tell you that I see her because my regular gastroenterologist doesn't seem to have the desire or time to give me the ongoing care I need. Lest you think I might be just a hypochondriac wasting medical services, know that I have had 4 surgeries in the past 12 years for inflammatory bowel disease. My doctors know I'm sick, but that doesn't mean they are willing to manage my treatment. This has been endlessly frustrating and needlessly burdensome for MANY years.

Dr. Gurevich, on the other hand, has been willing to monitor and fine-tune treatment for me, in a straight-forward, no-nonsense manner that has made a major difference in my quality of life.

Dr. Gurevich is not a quack. She is knowledgeable and serious, and provides important care I can't seem to get from MDs. The point is, she is as effective as any doctor I have worked with, and that is justification enough for me to ask you to support HB2673.

Sincerely,

Alan Platt

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My name is Nazeneen and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

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I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,

Nazeneen

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is Kerry Gallagher and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

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I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,
Kerry Gallagher

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is Darla Sweet and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

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 not only helped me move forward with my health conditions, but has renewed my faith in the healthcare system. Unfortunately, right now in Oregon NDs 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 unique and essential level of care. It also limits my choices when it comes to healthcare.

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I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,
Darla Sweet

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is Miriam Poston and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

At age 77, 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 physicians. When I first moved to Oregon over 30 years ago, I had no insurance coverage for 20+ years but was fortunate to find the Naturopathic College close by and get affordable care at their student clinic. The level of education, support and competent care that I have received has not only helped me move forward with my health conditions, but has educated me to better self care.

Since so many insurance providers do not pay ND's adequately I have to fight with my Kaiser/Medicare plan to get the depth of diagnosis I need, then consult with my longtime ND as I can afford. His input during my 'dance' with cancer has been invaluable. However, many of my KP doctors get frustrated with me because they are not knowledgeable about the value of alternative treatments, herbs, supplements, etc. that I have found life saving. They are also under pressure to diagnose you in x number of minutes, order appropriate tests and prescribe the same amount of medicine for a 100lb women with a delicate, responsive system as a 250# man. They also have unspoken limits on what/how much testing is to be done and how often. Don't get me wrong, I've have some great MD's but there is this lack of appreciation of the ND's, even professional discrimination. To me, the perfect health care system would combine the skills and training of both.

Unfortunately, right now in Oregon NDs 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 unique and essential level of care. It also limits my choices when it comes to healthcare.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Thank you,
Miriam Poston

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is Shonna Lemke and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

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 not only helped me move forward with my health conditions, but has renewed my faith in the healthcare system.

Unfortunately, right now in Oregon NDs 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 unique and essential level of care. It also limits my choices when it comes to healthcare.

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I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,
Shonna Lemke

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is Craig Kinnie and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

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 not only helped me move forward with my health conditions, but has renewed my faith in the healthcare system.

They offer alternative forms of treatment that sometimes gives better results than the mainstream doctors. Unfortunately, right now in Oregon NDs 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 unique and essential level of care. It also limits my choices when it comes to healthcare.

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I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,
Craig Kinnie

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is Todd Kurtzman and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

I have worked with many types of medical providers, and I choose naturopathic physicians.

I understand that right now in Oregon NDs are not being fairly compensated in comparison to MD's. ND's that I have worked with in the past stopped using insurance and were just billing me directly for their services. I preferred to pay them entirely, without involving insurance, rather than to work with someone else because that ND understood my condition and my health was improving, and I did not want to change, and they had chosen to stop working with insurance companies.

Before the pandemic my wife and I were paying almost \$900 a month in health insurance and it felt like money down the drain because we work with Naturopaths and Chinese medicine practitioners who do not work with insurance companies because their services are not covered. So we pay our monthly insurance fees, but do not see MD's, and then pay out of pocket to see ND's.

We keep our insurance in the event we wind up in the ER from a car accident, or other physical emergency where we need to be put back together physically.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Thank you,
Todd Kurtzman

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is Daniel Battaglia and I am a former patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

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, at the moment I am without a primary care physician. My last ND had to stop accepting insurance payments due to the low levels of coverage. She went to a cash only model and as such I was unable to utilize her services further. Had she been fairly compensated by my insurance provider I would have continued as her patient.

Unfortunately, right now in Oregon NDs 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 unique and essential level of care. It also limits my choices when it comes to healthcare.

My ND managed 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. My ND provided the best care possible, and I have been unable to find similar abilities from other doctors.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Regards,
Daniel Battaglia

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is Rachel and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

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 not only helped me move forward with my health conditions, but has renewed my faith in the healthcare system.

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I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely,
Rachel

NDs are currently paid 30-70% of what Physician's Assistants, Nurse Practitioners, Medical Doctors & Doctors of Osteopathy receive for the same service. They incur a huge debt burden, comparable to these other medical professionals, and thus many Naturopathic Doctors struggle to practice this medicine that they are so passionate about.

NDs need to be fairly compensated so that they can thrive and continue to be there for you!

I believe in ND medicine over Medical doctors and insurance reimbursement to NDs is unfair to me and the ND. It costs more out of pocket money to get what I feel is better care.

Best,
Dennis Katz

I have at least 4 diagnoses that I have depended on an ND to relieve my pain and other symptoms, for most of these I was either given medication that would compromise my one kidney or was an opiate with addiction dangers. I have chosen an ND who has helped me build my immune system and relieve my pain issues with supplements and diet changes. My insurance subsidizes my MDs reasonably but for me to get help, reduce my intake of pharmaceuticals, and improve my quality of life my ND is not reimbursed equally. This is just one piece of our broken medical system that seems to be putting money over health. I support parity for NDs. I am more than happy with the service they provide. I have a better quality of life because of them. Please pass this legislation for parity.

Dear Senate and Health Care Committee Members,

My name is Shiloh Heyob and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

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 not only helped me move forward with my health conditions, but has renewed my faith in the healthcare system. Unfortunately, right now in Oregon NDs 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 unique and essential level of care. It also limits my choices when it comes to healthcare.

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I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,
Shiloh Heyob

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature:

My name is Cynthia Kinnie and I have been a patient of Naturopathic Doctors over the last 8 years. The experience I have had with the NDs has been nothing short of amazing. They are passionate about their work, are incredibly knowledgeable and take all the time needed to care for me and answer my questions. I'm asking you to support HB2673.

The NDs are not only competent, they are compassionate caregivers. The level of education, support and competent care that I have received has moved me forward in my health care. It has also given me hope in the healthcare system and each doctor has alleviated so much fear that I've had in just seeing a doctor.

NDs in OR are not being fairly compensated at this time. Their service is incredibly valuable and their contributions make a huge difference in the lives of their patients. Why wouldn't they be compensated in the same manner that any MD would receive.

I have a primary care ND as well as an ND who specializes in GI issues. I rely on these amazing people for my healthcare needs. My annual physical, lab orders, health screenings and prescriptions are tended by them. If they aren't able to address my issues, they don't hesitate to refer me to other competent providers and specialists. They approach healthcare from a holistic point of view so not only are my immediate symptoms addressed, so are other areas such as nutrition, emotional issues, etc. This has created a more complete treatment plan for me than I have ever had before.

I am asking you to please vote YES on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors. They are literally sharing their lives for the health and well-being of the people in their community just as any other trained doctor would do. They deserve fairness.

Thank you
Cynthia Kinnie

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is Arianne Newton and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

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. My ND has looked at me at my body as a whole person, not individual parts that can be treated separately. The thrust of my treatment has been to always look for the often hidden source of the problem. They work to avoid putting a band-aid on the symptoms hoping I would be satisfied living a life of constant "treatment" that comes with its own set of symptoms. The level of education, support and competent care that I have received has not only helped me move forward with my health conditions, but has renewed my faith in the healthcare system.

Unfortunately, right now in Oregon NDs 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 unique and essential level of care. It also limits my choices when it comes to healthcare.

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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 HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors. They serve a vital role in our community's healthcare options.

Sincerely yours,
Arianne Newton

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is Aaron Dusatko and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

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 not only helped me move forward with my health conditions, but has renewed my faith in the healthcare system. Unfortunately, right now in Oregon NDs 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 unique and essential level of care. It also limits my choices when it comes to healthcare.

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I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,
Aaron Dusatko

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is Stella Veretnik and I am a patient of several Naturopathic Doctors (NDs) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673. 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 not only helped me move forward with my health conditions, but has renewed my faith in the healthcare system. Unfortunately, right now in Oregon NDs 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 unique and essential level of care. It also limits my choices when it comes to healthcare.

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I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,
Stella Veretnik

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is Noelle Winiecki and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

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 not only helped me move forward with my health conditions, but has renewed my faith in the healthcare system. Unfortunately, right now in Oregon NDs 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 unique and essential level of care. It also limits my choices when it comes to healthcare.

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I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Warm regards,
Noelle Winiecki

Hi - my name is Shaun Davidson. I'm a patient of an ND, and a constituent of yours.

I've had amazing experiences with my ND, and ask you to please support HB2673. I've worked with traditional Drs and none have given me as much careful attention as my ND. She resolved a problem that I've had for many years. I know healthcare has issues (my wife is a nurse, and works for MODA), but if there's one group that deserves to be compensated fairly, it's NDs.

My ND manages all my healthcare needs, including annuals, labs, and prescriptions. They refer me to specialists (I have seen a Gastro doc, which was very helpful) and have convinced me to eat better and take better care of myself.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Regards,
Shaun

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is Lisa Jordan. I am your constituent, 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 HB2673.

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 identify the underlying causes of my health care conditions. Consequently, I've been able to address and heal the conditions rather than to medicate the surface symptoms indefinitely.

Unfortunately, right now in Oregon NDs 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 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). She has referred me to other competent providers and specialists when appropriate. In addition, she has given me a number of proactive strategies that incorporate diet, nutrition, exercise, and mental wellness to improve my sleep, manage my stress, and boost my quality of life. This integrative approach creates a more complete treatment plan for my health.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely,
Lisa Jordan

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is James Nielson. I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and I'm also your constituent, so I'm writing to ask you to support HB2673. I've worked with many types of medical providers, and ONLY the ND's have taken the time and shown the care in my health and welfare that I feel we all deserve in our health care.

Let me illustrate with a story why I strongly support ND's. When applying for a job a few years back, I took a physical involving a heart test that I failed. When I told my traditional doctor at Kaiser that I was concerned about failing a heart test because my grandfather had died of heart failure in his 60's, she seemed non-plussed and said that was "normal". I demand better care than that, and from my ND I get it.

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 HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors. Please support them and all of us in getting the healthcare we deserve!

Thank you!
Sincerely,
James Nielson

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is Katarina Hunt, and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

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 not only helped me move forward with my health conditions, but has renewed my faith in the healthcare system. Unfortunately, right now in Oregon NDs 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 unique and essential level of care. It also limits my choices when it comes to healthcare.

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I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,
Katarina B. Hunt

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is Perla Sitcov and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

I believe in naturopathic care because of the time and comprehensive treatment I am afforded by my naturopathic physician. The level of education, support and competent care that I have received has been impressive. It pains me to find out that Oregon NDs are not fairly compensated for their valuable contributions to healthcare. 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. I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,
Perla Sitcov

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is Nicole Rudy and I am a Certified Nurse Midwife and your constituent. I would like to share my experience(s) working with an ND as a medical provider and colleague and ask you to please support HB2673. I have worked with many naturopathic doctors in my career and have always found them to be competent, professional and focused on the welfare of their patients. They take the time to educate their patients and make sure they truly understand how to make the necessary changes in their health and routine in order to improve their situation.

Unfortunately, right now in Oregon NDs are not being fairly compensated for their valuable contributions to healthcare in this great state. This makes it more difficult for my patients to access this unique and essential level of care and limits my choices when it comes to referrals within the healthcare system.

Right now our communities need more healthcare services not less. Providing NDs with equal pay will give more people across the state of Oregon access to naturopathic care and expand the referral network to this care for providers like me.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours
Nicole Rudy, CNM

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is Amanda Houston and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

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 not only helped me move forward with my health conditions, but has renewed my faith in the healthcare system.

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I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,
Amanda Houston

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is Virginia Mattox and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

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 not only helped me move forward with my health conditions, but has renewed my faith in the healthcare system. Unfortunately, right now in Oregon NDs 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 unique and essential level of care. It also limits my choices when it comes to healthcare.

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The most important thing is this: MY BODY DOESN'T RESPOND WELL TO MEDS, DRUGS, ETC. Naturopaths can offer many more modalities like acupuncture, and homeopathic remedies that my body responds very well too.

These skill sets have saved me so many times.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,
Virginia Mattox

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is Kristine Wilson and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

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 not only helped me move forward with my health conditions, but has renewed my faith in the healthcare system.

Unfortunately, right now in Oregon NDs 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 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 HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,
Kristine Wilson

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is Patricia Spencer and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

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 not only helped me move forward with my health conditions, but has renewed my faith in the healthcare system. Unfortunately, right now in Oregon NDs 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 unique and essential level of care. It also limits my choices when it comes to healthcare.

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I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,
Patricia Spencer

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) in Oregon.
I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

I have worked with many medical doctors (MDs) in my life. None of the MDs have taken the time and shown the care in my health and welfare like my current naturopathic physician. I have used naturopathic physicians for years and find that the level of education, support and competent care that I have received has helped me move forward with my health conditions and puts "care" back into health care. The naturopathic care I've received over the years, particularly my preventive and annual care, has improved my health and well-being more than the services I've received from MDs.

It is my understanding that right now in Oregon NDs are not being fairly compensated for their valuable contributions to healthcare in Oregon. Our state should aspire to be the leader in effective, life-changing and life-maintaining health care. By failing to compensate NDs commensurate with their value to our health care system it 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.

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I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,
Elizabeth Clark

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is Christine Schwamb and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

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 not only helped me move forward with my health conditions, but has renewed my faith in the healthcare system.

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I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,
Christine Schwamb

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is Whitney Farra and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

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 not only helped me move forward with my health conditions, but has renewed my faith in the healthcare system. Unfortunately, right now in Oregon NDs 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 unique and essential level of care. It also limits my choices when it comes to healthcare.

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I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,
Whitney Farra

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is Jeannine Brown and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

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 not only helped me move forward with my health conditions, but has renewed my faith in the healthcare system. Unfortunately, right now in Oregon NDs 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 unique and essential level of care. It also limits my choices when it comes to healthcare.

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I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,
Jeannine Brown

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is Tara and I am a patient of more than one Naturopathic Doctors (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

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 physicians. The level of education, support and competent care that I have received has not only helped me to resolve and move forward from my debilitating health conditions, but has renewed my faith in the healthcare system.

Unfortunately, right now in Oregon NDs 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 unique and essential level of care. It also limits my choices when it comes to healthcare.

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I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,
Tara Chatterton

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is Aliece Gearhart and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

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 not only helped me move forward with my health conditions, but has renewed my faith in the healthcare system. Unfortunately, right now in Oregon NDs 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 unique and essential level of care. It also limits my choices when it comes to healthcare.

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I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely,
Aliece Gearhart

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is Ariel Arrow and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

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 not only helped me move forward with my health conditions, but has renewed my faith in the healthcare system. Unfortunately, right now in Oregon NDs 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 unique and essential level of care. It also limits my choices when it comes to healthcare.

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I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,
Ariel Arrow

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is Kerry Cadambi and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

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 not only helped me move forward with my health conditions, but has renewed my faith in the healthcare system. Unfortunately, right now in Oregon NDs 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 unique and essential level of care. It also limits my choices when it comes to healthcare.

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I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,
Kerry Cadambi

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is Lisa Chafetz, and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

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 not only helped me move forward with my health conditions, but has renewed my faith in the healthcare system.

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I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,
Lisa Chafetz

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is Kelly Bee and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

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 not only helped me move forward with my health conditions, but has renewed my faith in the healthcare system. Unfortunately, right now in Oregon NDs 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 unique and essential level of care. It also limits my choices when it comes to healthcare.

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Thank you for your time.

Kelly Bee

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is Alyssa Hallee and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

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 not only helped me move forward with my health conditions, but has renewed my faith in the healthcare system. Unfortunately, right now in Oregon NDs are not being fairly compensated for their valuable contributions to this great 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.

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I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,
Alyssa Hallee

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is Mahala Ray and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

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 not only helped me move forward with my health conditions, but has renewed my faith in the healthcare system. Unfortunately, right now in Oregon NDs 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 unique and essential level of care. It also limits my choices when it comes to healthcare.

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I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely,
Mahala Ray

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is Nicole Veenker and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

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 not only helped me move forward with my health conditions, but has renewed my faith in the healthcare system! Unfortunately, right now in Oregon NDs 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 unique and essential level of care. It also limits my choices when it comes to healthcare.

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I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,
Nicole Veenker

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is Johanna Hibbard and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

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I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,
Johanna

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is Alex Austin and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

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I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,
Alex Austin

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is Zachary Cipolletta and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

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 not only helped me move forward with my health conditions, but has renewed my faith in the healthcare system. Unfortunately, right now in Oregon NDs 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 unique and essential level of care. It also limits my choices when it comes to healthcare.

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I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,
Zachary Cipolletta

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is Hayley Dolan, and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

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I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Thank you,
Hayley

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is Dan Cronin and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

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 not only helped me move forward with my health conditions, but has renewed my faith in the healthcare system. Unfortunately, right now in Oregon NDs 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 unique and essential level of care. It also limits my choices when it comes to healthcare.

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I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,
Dan Cronin

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is Elizabeth and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

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 not only helped me move forward with my health conditions, but has renewed my faith in the healthcare system. Unfortunately, right now in Oregon NDs 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 unique and essential level of care. It also limits my choices when it comes to healthcare.

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I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,
Elizabeth

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is Beth Gibans and I am a cancer patient working with several Naturopathic Doctors (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with NDs as medical providers and ask you to please support HB2673.

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 physicians. The level of education, support and competent care that I have received has not only helped me move forward with my health conditions, but has renewed my faith in the healthcare system. Unfortunately, right now in Oregon NDs 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 unique and essential level of care. It also limits my choices when it comes to healthcare.

My primary care ND manages the majority of my healthcare needs whether it be my annual physical, lab orders, health screenings or prescription(s). She also refers me to other competent providers and specialists when appropriate. In addition, she teaches 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 has helped significantly in my battle with cancer.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,
Beth Gibans

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is Amelia Kintz and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

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 not only helped me move forward with my health conditions, but has renewed my faith in the healthcare system. Unfortunately, right now in Oregon NDs 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 unique and essential level of care. It also limits my choices when it comes to healthcare.

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I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,
Amelia Kintz

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is **Anne Mezera** and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

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 not only helped me move forward with my health conditions, but has renewed my faith in the healthcare system.

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I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,
Anne Mezera

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is Rachel Miller and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

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I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,
Rachel Miller

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is Ginny Tousignant and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

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 not only helped me move forward with my health conditions, but has renewed my faith in the healthcare system. Unfortunately, right now in Oregon NDs 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 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 HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,
Ginny Tousignant

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is lisa knox and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

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I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,
Lisa knox

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is Julie and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

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 not only helped me move forward with my health conditions, but has renewed my faith in the healthcare system. Unfortunately, right now in Oregon NDs 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 unique and essential level of care. It also limits my choices when it comes to healthcare.

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I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,
JULIE LUCAS

Please support this bill that Naturopathic Doctors should be paid at the same rate as Medical Doctors. We the Public should have the right to choose our care. My Naturopathic Doctor helped me physically in 1 visit more than my Primary physician(MD) has in the past 10 years without pharmaceuticals. I'm now pain & opiate free. This is a testament as to why Naturopathic Doctors should be paid more not less than Medical Doctors!

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is Holly Payne and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

I was diagnosed with a chronic health condition thirty years ago, for which the only "agreed upon" treatments are steroids or beta interferons. The side effects are awful and the percentage of positive patient outcomes from these treatments are not encouraging. Not to mention the cost is prohibitive. I decided to explore alternatives to these medications via a naturopathic Doctor in hopes of finding ways to stay healthier, longer and avoid subjecting myself and my body to intrusive chemicals which make a person feel ill the majority of the time. I am so extremely thankful to have found successful and positive alternatives through naturopathic medicine...I cannot begin to express my gratitude to these professionals.

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 not only helped me move forward with my health conditions, but has renewed my faith in the healthcare system.

Unfortunately, right now in Oregon NDs 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 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 HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely,
Holly Payne
Salem Oregon

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is Kisha Johnston and I would like to be a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

I have worked with many types of medical providers, and none have taken the time and shown the care in my health and welfare. I understand Naturopathic Physicians by nature of the way they practice to provide a different level of care. The level of education, support and competent care that I would receive would help me move forward with my health conditions, like preventing diabetes and managing mental health concerns.

Unfortunately, right now in Oregon NDs 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 unique and essential level of care. It also limits my choices when it comes to healthcare.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely,
Kisha Johnston

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is Lori. I am your constituent and my son has been 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 HB2673.

I have worked with many types of medical providers to determine the cause of some health issues my son was experiencing. The care of a Natropathic doctor was invaluable in our journey. I believe everyone should have the option to experience the care and perspective of a Natropathic doctor.

Unfortunately, right now in Oregon NDs 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 unique and essential level of care. It also limits my choices when it comes to healthcare.

An ND can manage the majority of our healthcare needs whether it be an annual physical, lab orders, health screenings or prescription(s). They can also refer us to other competent providers and specialists when appropriate. In addition, they teach about diet and nutrition, how to stay active, manage stress, improve sleep and become more proactive in our own healthcare. All of these things can come together to create a more complete treatment plan for our health.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely,
Lori Patton

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is Jenna and I am your constituent. I also work as a virtual assistant for a Naturopathic Doctor (ND), and have been a patient of NDs in the past. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

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 not only helped me move forward with my health conditions, but has renewed my faith in the healthcare system. NDs were able to solve my fertility issues and allow me to get my hormones back on track and create the family that I wanted.

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Being able to work remotely has been such a blessing to me during this pandemic, and I fear that unless insurance plans start paying my employer fairly, she will no longer be able to sustain my wages and keep me employed.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely,
Jenna May

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

I have seen 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 not only helped me move forward with my health conditions, but has renewed my faith in the healthcare system.

Unfortunately, right now in Oregon NDs 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 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 HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely,
Jenessa Stemke

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is Norah Eaton and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

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 not only helped me move forward with my health conditions, but has renewed my faith in the healthcare system. My ND has taken the time to listen to my concerns and help me find ways to manage my health in a way that works for me.

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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 HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely,
Norah Eaton

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is Marla Bunn and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

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 not only helped me move forward with my health conditions, but has renewed my faith in the healthcare system. ND's look for the root cause of the issues a person experiences, not just treating their symptoms with a medication. They work to truly heal conditions by identifying the cause and treating that. I have personally experienced the very personalized care that allowed me to be cured of a very serious autoimmune disease WITHOUT having to take damaging steroids and other chemical treatments that can cause many other side effects to the body.

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My ND manages the majority of my healthcare needs whether it be my annual checkups, 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 HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely,
Marla Bunn

Dear Senate and Health Care Committee Members,

My name is Meena Kumar and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

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 not only helped me move forward with my health conditions, but has renewed my faith in the healthcare system. Unfortunately, right now in Oregon NDs 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 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 HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,
Meena Kumar

Dear Senate and Health Care Committee Members,

My name is Loren Gabriel, and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

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 not only helped me move forward with my health conditions but has renewed my faith in the healthcare system. Unfortunately, right now in Oregon NDs 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 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 HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Warmly,
Loren Gabriel

Dear Senate and Health Care Committee Members,

My name is Kaeli Hertz and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

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I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,
Kaeli Hertz

Dear Senate and Health Care Committee Members,

My name is Danielle and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

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 not only helped me move forward with my health conditions, but has renewed my faith in the healthcare system. I was struggling with finding a health care provider that would find answers for the pain I was in.

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I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,
Danielle

Dear Senate and Health Care Committee Members,

My name is Melissa Maller and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

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 not only helped me move forward with my health conditions, but has renewed my faith in the healthcare system. Unfortunately, right now in Oregon NDs 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 unique and essential level of care. It also limits my choices when it comes to healthcare.

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I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,
Melissa Maller

Dear Senate and Health Care Committee Members,

My name is Leslie Manning and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

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I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Leslie Manning

Dear Senate and Health Care Committee Members,

My name is Anna Smith and I am a patient of several Naturopathic Doctors (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

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 identify, tackle and move forward with my health conditions.

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I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

With Regards,
Anna Smith