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February 2, 22

Re: YES ON HB4006, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear House Health Care Committee,

My name is Dr. Sara Love and I am a Naturopathic Doctor (ND). I would like to share my experience working in Oregon as a licensed ND and ask you to please support HB4006.

I love helping people. This is why I have sacrificed so much to become a physician and practice medicine in my local community. I love connecting with people whatever situation they are coming from, and helping them both understand their medical condition and successfully implement a plan to move their health forward.

Although, I accept insurance plans as a courtesy to my patients, I can only accept a few plans that reimburse at a reasonable rate. Many of the insurance plans that credential naturopathic doctors do so at a very low rate that is less than the cost of care. Every week I tell patients that I do not accept their insurance. This impacts access to care and forces patients to not be able to see a provider of their choosing.

This makes it more difficult for people like me to stay in practice and deliver this essential and unique level of care. It also limits access to healthcare for my patients as well as other individuals and families in the community. And for those of us who have been able to stay in practice, we do so at a great economic disadvantage to our peers, making it difficult to repay student loans, raise a family and give back to the community.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB4006 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,

Sara Love, ND