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Subject: Re: Seeking your testimonial to support pay parity for ND's, thank you!!

To: <[dr.daivati@gmail.com](mailto:dr.daivati@gmail.com)>

**Re: YES ON HB 4006, I'm a Patient and support my ND**

**Dear House Health Care Committee,**

My name is Jennifer Kenny. I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor. I would like to share my experience working with this medical provider, and ask you to support HB4006.

There are of course many types of medical providers and models of care, and it's essential to the healing process that patients choose the right practitioner for themselves. For many of my needs, I choose a naturopathic doctor. It's a comfort to know these professionals adhere to the same high standard of training and licensure that other medical providers do. So it's baffling why they aren't compensated at the same high level.

In a time in which the medical field is losing providers to due stress, exposure and other COVID issues, we should do all we can to ensure support for those who remain in the field.

If NDs are forced to take cash only so they can be fairly compensated, many patients like me will not be able to afford to both purchase health insurance against major medical expenses and pay out of pocket for my regular and preventive care. And I shouldn't have to.

My licensed ND manages the majority of my healthcare needs. Whether it be my annual exam, lab orders, other health screenings and prescriptions. They also refer me to competent providers and specialists in the conventional medicine world as needed. Nearly all of them operate in partnership or in network with other providers, truly ensuring that my health is optimized.

My ND takes the time to teach me about my health concerns and how to best manage my health through diet and nutrition, staying active, overcoming stress, and improving my sleep, in addition to prescribing medications and treatments.

**I am asking you to please vote yes on HB4006 and ensure fair access to licensed Naturopathic Doctors.**

**Sincerely yours,**  
Jennifer Kenny