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

Dear House Health Care Committee,

My name is Nicole Keller. 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. The one my entire family have come to value - and desire to keep seeing - is my ND. I feel cared for and my children are cared for with the dedicated time and attention to my healthcare needs.

Unfortunately in Oregon NDs are not being fairly compensated for their contributions to my health and to the healthcare of this state. This puts my doctor on unstable financial ground, and my families access to this highly valued care at constant risk.

It is essential that I be able to utilize my health insurance to see my doctor. I cannot afford to both purchase health insurance against major medical expenses and pay out of pocket for our regular and preventive care. That's just not right.

My licensed ND manages the all of my families healthcare needs. From my annual exam, lab orders, pregnancy and deliveries, other health screenings and prescriptions. They manage my children's allergies and illnesses with the most competent care and attention specific to them. 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,

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