

Re: YES ON HB 4006, I'm a Patient and support my ND**Dear House Health Care Committee,**

My name is Nicole Gottfried, 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.

Although there are many types of medical providers and models of care, the one I prefer and desire to keep seeing - is my ND. I feel my ND takes time and genuinely cares about my health and getting to the root cause of my illness. This is just not the case with traditional MD's I have had.

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 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 my regular and preventive care. That's just not right.

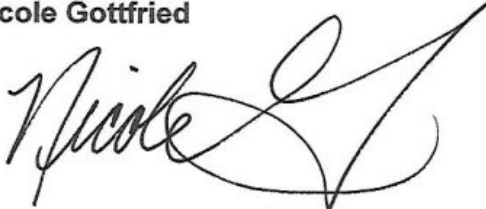
My licensed ND manages the majority of my healthcare needs and is my Primary Care Physician. They also refer me to competent providers and specialists in the conventional medicine world as needed. Nearly all of them operate in partnership or in network with other providers, truly ensuring that my health 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,

Nicole Gottfried

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nicole Gottfried". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.