

**February 2, 2022**

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

**Dear House Health Care Committee,**

My name is Narendra Varma and my family and I have been patients of multiple Naturopathic Doctors for over 25 years. Over the years, we have found that Naturopathic Doctors have made the best primary care physicians for our family (adults and children) since they take the time to assess health in a holistic fashion with a focus on prevention, healthy living, and management of any chronic issues.

**I would ask you to support HB4006 to ensure that Oregon NDs are fairly compensated for their contributions to my family's health and to the healthcare of this state.**

Our licensed ND manages the majority of our healthcare needs. Whether it be annual exams, lab orders, other health screenings and prescriptions. They also refer us to competent providers and specialists as needed. As my wife and I have aged, management of chronic diseases and conditions as well as prevention of conditions like cancer have become our primary health concern. Our ND's holistic methods are very well suited to address these concerns and allow us to avoid costly and complex interventions and pharmaceuticals as much as possible.

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

**Sincerely yours,**

- Narendra Varma  
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