

February 2, 2022

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

Dear Senate and Health Care Committee Members,

I rarely write to the Senate, but in this case am compelled as the passing of **HB4006** is a critical step in Oregon's awareness and support of medical care and innovation. My name is Deborah DiBiasio and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a professional medical provider and ask you to **please support HB4006**.

Alongside my general practitioner MD at OHSU, my ND manages the majority of my healthcare needs whether it be my annual physical, lab orders, health screenings or prescription(s). They also refer me other competent providers and specialists when appropriate. In addition, they teach me about diet and nutrition, how to stay active, manage stress, improve my sleep and become more proactive in my own healthcare.

All of these things come together to create a more complete treatment plan for my health I have never felt better. The combination of care from a conventional doctor and my naturopathic doctor literally saved my life. These two doctors consult with one another often and each bring unique learnin and skills to the table, leading to healing and less anxiety about care.

I am asking you to **vote yes on HB4006** and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors. It is the right tto do.

And thank you for your continued hard work for the citizens of Oregon!

Warm regards,

Deborah DiBiasio

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