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Subject: HB 2555 - Naturopathic Doctors Pay Parity Bill

Dear House Behavioral Health and Health Care Committee,

My name is Ami Kapadia, and I am a medical doctor licensed in the state of Oregon. I would like to share my experience working with Naturopathic Doctors (NDs) to demonstrate the importance of this profession in the delivery of quality healthcare in the state of Oregon.

To give you a sense of my background, I completed my residency in Family Medicine in 2008. Since then, I have worked in several hospital systems and in private practice. I have been working alongside several NDs for the last 7 years in a shared workspace.

During my time working with NDs, I have been impressed with the dedication and knowledge demonstrated. I rely on referrals to my naturopathic colleagues to assist in patient care in areas of medicine where I have run out of options for patients. I have found it to be complementary for patients to work with NDs along with MDs in order to get comprehensive care for their medical conditions.

I think pay parity for naturopathic doctors would help greatly in patients' access to care in Oregon.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for any further information needed.

Sincerely,

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