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Dear Chairman George D. Bedwick and Independent Regulatory Review Commission Members:  
I am contacting you to voice my support for the regulation implementing the Naturopathic Doctors Registration Act (Regulation #16A-4953: Registration of Naturopathic Doctors). This regulation will allow Naturopathic Doctors in Pennsylvania to work with patients who can be assured of a Naturopathic Doctor's training, background and proper regulation. As a Naturopathic Doctor practicing in the licensed state of Oregon who desires to return to a regulated Pennsylvania.  
This final-form regulation also contains language that correctly distinguishes Naturopathic Doctors from other various lay practitioners in the Commonwealth. This was accomplished by the PA State Board of Medicine voting to strike section 18.907(b) of the regulation which the PA Association of Naturopathic Physicians has been supportive of.

I look forward to returning to a Pennsylvania that is regulated and supportive of safe Naturopathic Doctor practices.

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Be Well,

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