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Dear Chairman George D. Bedwick and Independent Regulatory Review Commission Members:

PLEASE ALLOW US TO GET MEDICAL TREATMENT BY NATURAL MEANS. We should have the CHOICE to get help from medical doctors that prescribe medication to treat the symptoms OR from medical doctors that treat the cause of the symptoms. We need medical professionals that will find the root of the problem and treat the cause not cover up the issues.

Many people can't afford to pay medical insurance; which I am currently paying \$1729 per month; PLUS a Naturopathic doctor which is not covered by insurance.

Please take a moment to see the increase of autoimmune diseases just in Pennsylvania alone. We need help!

This seems to be a simple request with all the other issues going on today.

What would you do if you had a family member ill and you knew there were options for relief of symptoms or a better way of life?

You would do whatever it takes!

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. 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.

Please feel free to contact me directly if you would like to discuss this further.  
WE ARE ASKING FOR YOUR HELP.

Colleen Whalen