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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. 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.

Personally, I have struggled with health issues following a tick bite in 2018. My PCP at the time refused to even hear that my health issues were related to the bite, and even when I found a new, more open-minded PCP, what followed was a long, drawn-out, confusing path through the healthcare system that my insurance agreed to pay for, with many visits to specialists who all told me that I was in perfect health. I was not, and it took paying thousands out of pocket to a naturopath to begin to regain my health. But trying to ascertain whether a naturopath is legitimate and skilled was not easy either. I would personally love to see the greater population gain access to naturopaths' skill and knowledge, much of which is blocked from us now due to cost and simply being uncertain of whom we can trust.

Thank you,

Erin Sellinger