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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.

Unlike Functional Medicine practitioners, who are accredited in Pennsylvania, most Naturopathic doctors attend schools that require extensive schooling and clinical hours. They also offer a different, but often successful, approach to care, particularly when patients are unable to receive curative care from conventional medical physicians.

I urge you to consider implementing this bill in order to give Pennsylvanians more options in medical care and to take charge of their own health.

Sincerely,
Christine Chaffee