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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.

The passing of this regulation would be very meaningful to me personally, as I have been helping people as a Naturopathic Doctor in Camp Hill Pennsylvania for the past 10 years. I can attest to the rigorous curriculum of the accredited ND programs (I graduated from Sonoran University of Health Sciences in Tempe, AZ after obtaining my Masters in Genetic Counseling from the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health), and the public need for qualified professionals offering safe and evidence based complementary medical care. I currently hold my medical license as a ND in Vermont, but I would much rather be able to hold my license in Pennsylvania where I live and work, and give the associated licensing dues to the state of Pennsylvania.

Thank you very much,
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