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Dear Commission:

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I wholeheartedly support registration of Naturopathic Doctors in Pennsylvania. Registration of Naturopathic Doctors fortifies distinction of their education and training from an accredited naturopathic medical college by the Council on Naturopathic Medical Education (CNME). Registration further assures Pennsylvania residents their Naturopathic Doctor with the N.D. title has the competencies to practice in PA.

Share more about your personal story below I encountered a health crisis in 2014 that rendered me bedridden. After enduring two years of medical intervention without improvement, I decided to pursue naturopathic intervention and began a quest to establish care with a naturopathic practitioner. The challenge of finding a qualified naturopath proved overwhelming with the level of debilitation I was experiencing. Thankfully, I landed on a truly qualified naturopath on my second try, but I lost months of time and thousands of dollars in the process. The end of my story is health and well-being; I am working as an RN again and have my life back. Regulation of ND's in PA will help to guard Pennsylvanians like myself in need of integrative medicine.

Sincerely,

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