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Dear IRRC,

I am writing in support for the regulation of Naturopathic Doctors in PA so that consumers can have expertise from ND's who are medically trained providers in integrative medicine. My clients know that I completed a federally accredited four-year naturopathic medical school program, and regulation will ensure that the public knows that all Naturopathic Doctors eligible for regulation have the same level of education and training. Regulation allows me to be a safer practitioner as I will be able to carry malpractice insurance.

I know from my 39 years of working with clients that naturopathic medicine fills an important gap in existing medical care. NDs look for the underlying reasons behind a person's health condition; something conventional medical doctors often do not have the time to do. Regulation also helps those practicing conventional medicine to know I have expertise in natural medicine, which often results in a positive collaboration with conventional practitioners. I work extensively with clients with cancer and have had numerous referrals from medical oncologists. These doctors know I have training in drug/nutrient and drug/herb interactions; they know I will not make suggestions that may interfere with conventional treatment.

Naturopathic care is important for consumers in Pennsylvania. Regulation of naturopathic medicine can help consumers trust that the provider has been well educated and trained, and feel protected as a consumer knowing there is a system of oversight in place.

Sincerely,
Michael Reece, ND