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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 national standards for education and training from federally accredited naturopathic medical colleges by the Council on Naturopathic Medical Education (CNME). Registration further assures Pennsylvania residents that their Naturopathic Doctor's title, with the N.D. designation, has the competencies of graduate naturopathic medical education and training in order to practice in PA.

After years of going to a primary care doctor with no progress on ongoing and worsening health issues, in the very first visit I had with a Naturopathic Doctor I was referred to a Gastroenterologist to have a specific test done, which showed I had an intestinal health issue. In my opinion the main difference between a traditional doctor and a naturopathic doctor is the the time they spend listening, and the perspective that the have, attempting to identify the cause of a health issue instead of just treating symptoms with pharmaceuticals.

Sincerely,

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