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Dear IRRC,

We are writing in support of the regulation of Naturopathic Doctors in Pennsylvania.

Over 30 years ago, while raising a young family we discovered the immeasurable benefits of naturopathic care. Our children suffered from many common childhood illnesses and allergies and were repeatedly in and out of allopathic doctors' offices usually with prescriptions for one antibiotic or another. A friend told us about Naturopathic Doctors in our area and consulting with them over the years equipped us with a way to treat causes of acute and chronic conditions, not just the symptoms, and we saw overall health of our children improve.

In 2015, I [Cindy] was diagnosed with breast cancer. I immediately began "assembling" a team of support to get me through surgery and chemo. Along with my surgeon and oncologist, my Naturopathic Doctor was a key player on my team. He was thoroughly knowledgeable in which supplements and homeopathic remedies would be helpful and safe to use. Using Naturopathy as a complementary therapy to the allopathic care I received gave me the assurance I was doing everything possible to heal my body.

Just recently, I [Cliff] experience an extended hospital stay due to complication from a simple surgery. My Naturopathic Doctor was instrumental in recommending supplements and homeopathic remedies that actually expedited the course of my recovery.

We appreciate the fact our provider is well educated and receives extensive training. He keeps up-to-date and informed on effective natural therapies and we have full confidence he is always "on our team" and looking out for our best welfare. One of the things we value the most is the time our ND spends with us in each visit. Even though we each see allopathic doctors and value their expertise, our ND provides a level of care that extends beyond the physical. We believe embracing a holistic approach is the best approach to health care. Knowing there is regulation of NDs that provides a level of oversight adds greatly to our peace of mind.

Sincerely,

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