



Dear Commission,

IRRC # 3324
Agency # 16A
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Thank you for your consideration to support registration of Naturopathic doctors in Pennsylvania.

I wholeheartedly support the registration of naturopathic doctors in Pennsylvania. Registration will help myself and my patients feel comfortable and confident that a naturopathic doctor has been well educated at a four-year federally accredited naturopathic medical college overseen by the Council on Naturopathic Medical Education (CNME). I understand the importance of naturopathic doctors in our healthcare system. NDs can fill a role on patients' healthcare teams to educate them not only on in-depth lifestyle and dietary changes, but also naturopathic doctors are knowledgeable on herbal medicine and supplements that will support the overall health of patients. In addition, a naturopathic doctor can take time to obtain a comprehensive personal medical history, in contrast to a medical doctor who isn't allotted this time in a conventional setting.

Naturopathic doctors are experts in natural therapies. I feel safe referring to a certified ND as I know they are knowledgeable in drug/herb and drug/nutrient interactions thus preventing adverse events and interruption of conventional medical care. Please support the registration of naturopathic doctors in Pennsylvania not only for myself but for my patients to be educated in the field of naturopathic medicine.

Sincerely,

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