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Dear Chairman George D. Bedwick and Independent Regulatory Review Commission Members: I am contacting you to voice my support for the regulation implementing the Naturopathic Doctors Registration Act (Regulation [#16A-4953](#): Registration of Naturopathic Doctors). This regulation will allow Naturopathic Doctors in Pennsylvania to work with patients who can be assured of a Naturopathic Doctor's training, background, and proper regulation. This final-form regulation also contains language that correctly distinguishes Naturopathic Doctors from other various lay practitioners in the Commonwealth. This was accomplished by the PA State Board of Medicine voting to strike section 18.907(b) of the regulation which the PA Association of Naturopathic Physicians has been supportive of.

I am a Naturopathic Doctor residing in Butler, Pennsylvania, and commuting to Spokane, WA to work with patients. I want to be able to bring the same level of care to the community in which I live. I am highly skilled and trained in Naturopathic Medicine and complete over 30 hours per year in continuing education. I train with the most competent Naturopathic Doctors, Medical Doctors, and Osteopaths this country has to offer. The population wants and seeks services like mine, however, is not able to have full access until licensure is achieved. Eventually, licensing Naturopathic Doctors will provide a standard of excellence for the state of Pennsylvania.

In health,

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