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Regulation #16A-4953: Registration of Naturopathic Doctors

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Greetings 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).

The 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, which is critical to the health and safety of the community. This was accomplished by the PA State Board of Medicine voting to strike section 18.907(b) of the regulation, of which the PA Association of Naturopathic Physicians has been supportive.

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