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Dear Commission:

IRRC # 3324  
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I wholeheartedly support registration of Naturopathic Doctors in Pennsylvania. Registration of Naturopathic Doctors fortifies distinction of their education and training from an accredited naturopathic medical college by the Council on Naturopathic Medical Education (CNME). Registration further assures Pennsylvania residents their Naturopathic Doctor with the N.D. title has the competencies to practice in PA.

I have successfully worked with an ND on several occasions to treat physical issues I was experiencing. One specifically involved an acute pain I experienced in my intestines. I have had on-again off-again discomfort over the years, but this attack was debilitating. I met with a gastroenterologist MD to do an endoscopy and colonoscopy. He concluded that I was most likely reacting to something I ate.

I called my ND and she put me on a regiment of probiotics and other natural medications. She did a food sensitivity test and we found the foods that were causing me trouble.

I have not experienced that acute intense pain since. And the episodes of even low-level discomfort are rare occurrence now. I attribute this turn around to the steps my ND took.

Sincerely,

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