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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 greatly benefited from naturopathic medicine because it fills a gap that cannot be filled by regular medical doctors. Most regular medical doctors seek to only fix you with pills and think positive results are achieved when lab work numbers show you've improved. However, in my experience I have found that my labs can be "normal" but I still feel miserable. My naturopath cares more about how I feel than the values and numbers in my lab work. I am forever grateful for the way they have cared for me and have seen me as a whole person rather than just a patient to be fixed with more pills.

Sincerely,

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