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Dear Commission:

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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 had been plagued with numerous 'symptoms' that lead me to feeling unwell. When I finally took the step to see a Naturopathic Doctor, it was amazing how quickly I began to feel better! My joints no longer ached; no more overwhelming exhaustion; and my brain fog began to lift!! My mother died in October 2021 and at the time of her death, she was taking a plethora of medications. Seeing the constant push for medications (chemicals) to my mother and to myself, I wanted an option to treat my body's ills more naturally but by an ND that had had training.

Further, I hope that at some point, Pennsylvania recognizes treatment by an ND should be covered (at least partially) by health insurance. The cost is considerable and what caused me to put off reaching out to the ND sooner.

Sincerely,

Penni Abram