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Dear Commission:

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As a naturopathic doctor living in Pennsylvania, I wholeheartedly support registration of Naturopathic Doctors in Pennsylvania. At least once per week I am contacted by someone who tells me they are seeing a naturopathic doctor, only to find out that they are working with a health coach or layperson claiming to be a naturopathic doctor. It is absolutely clear to me that regulating naturopathic doctors would enhance the safe access to properly trained naturopathic doctors for all Pennsylvanians.

Registration of Naturopathic Doctors fortifies distinction of their national standards for education and training from federally accredited naturopathic medical colleges by the Council on Naturopathic Medical Education (CNME). Registration further assures Pennsylvania residents that their Naturopathic Doctor's title, with the N.D. designation, has the competencies of graduate naturopathic medical education and training in order to practice in PA.

Sincerely,

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