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Dear Commission:

IRRC # 3324
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I wholeheartedly support registration of Naturopathic Doctors in Pennsylvania.

A few years ago I had a young woman come into my office after recently having a miscarriage. She was expecting care from a provider of a certain education. It turns out she had made an appointment with someone without medical training who at that time was able to use the title Naturopathic Doctor but was able to get an opening in my office instead. I didn't tell her that she was planning on seeing someone without the training she might have expected. It doesn't mean the other person couldn't have helped her, certainly, but she was expecting that we all had a 4-year post-graduate degree.

The regulations about which I am commenting specifically reference the post-nominal 'ND' in section 18.15 (b) regarding what Acupuncturists who are also Naturopathic Doctors can call themselves. It seems as even the authors of this draft are using the term N.D. for those to whom the registration pertains. It would suggest adding this to sections 18.905(b)2, 18.905(c), 18.907(a) and all other sections that discuss the terms 'doctor of Naturopathic Medicine' and 'Naturopathic Doctor' and 'Registered Naturopathic Doctor'. Otherwise, prior registrants who let their registration expire can still use the term N.D., as can anyone else in the state.

In my practice having a registration bill will help give piece of mind to my patients.

Thank you for taking the extraordinary effort to promulgate this registration.

Sincerely,

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