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>> I wish to register my whole hearted support for the regulation of
>> Naturopathic Doctors in Pennsylvania with the Institutional Regulatory Review Committee.

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>> I was diagnosed with ovarian cancer in 2014 and received only standard of care medical treatment for the first several years. During that time I learned about naturopathic medicine and realized it was the path forward for me. I didn't want my treatment to just be something that happened to me. I needed to participate fully in my care and the decision making around it.

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>> Meeting Naturopathic Doctor Heather Wright and becoming her patient vastly improved my cancer experience. But that was only possible because I had the financial resources to pay for naturopathic treatment out of pocket. I am hopeful that this regulation will make naturopathic care more widely available to anyone with health insurance. It is good for individual patients like me and for the Commonwealth as a whole.

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