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**Subject:** Registration of Naturopathic Doctors

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Dear Commission:

IRRC #: 3324 Agency #: 16A ID#: 4953

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Prompts for letters/comments from ND's in PA:

[Whole hearted support] - for the regulation of Naturopathic Doctors in PA so that consumers can have expertise from ND's who are medically trained providers in integrative medicine.

[Talk about how regulation will benefit you - be specific ex. I can now carry malpractice insurance, I can now be able to be a safer practitioner, consumers will be able to feel reassured that their ND has been medically trained by a federally accredited 4 year naturopathic medical school and has taken board exams.]

Prompts for letters/comments from patients:

I began seeing a naturopathic doctor a year ago because my primary doctors were out of ideas. I really loved the naturopathic approach and it helped me to heal my gut. Unfortunately I had to stop seeing her because it became too expensive. I believe the care that a naturopathic doctor can provide is invaluable and insurance plans should cover it.

[Tell a brief story about how naturopathic medicine has positively impacted your health] [Tell how and why seeing a naturopathic doctor fills an important gap in your existing conventional medical care.] [Tell why ND care is important for consumers in PA - so that you can trust the provider has been well educated and trained, so that you can feel protected as a consumer knowing there is a system of oversight in place, because ND's are doctors who spend time to help you know which natural therapies and modalities are safe and which are not safe.] Prompts for letters/comments from medical colleagues:

[Tell why you believe regulation of ND's will help your patients in PA] [Describe why ND's are needed in patient care] [Give a specific example of how an ND helped a patient you were working with]

Sincerely,

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