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Dear Senate and Health Care Committees,

My name is Karen Roberson. I am a Nurse Practitioner in rural Southern Oregon. I have been practicing in my rural community for 25 years. Currently I work at Roseburg Women's Health Care providing obstetrical care and women's health care.

I would like to share with you my experience in working with Naturopathic Doctors (NDs) in my community, to show the importance of this profession in the delivery of quality healthcare in the State of Oregon.

My experience working with ND's has been very positive. They are skilled and professional clinicians who provide good care for their patients. I view NDs in our community as peers and collaborative in healthcare delivery. I have referred patients to them in the past and intend to do so again in the future. They are particularly knowledgeable in natural medicine and the treatment of functional medical disorders. They often find success with patients who have failed conventional therapies.

For these reasons, I believe that NDs serve a vital role in our health care system and am asking that you vote "yes" on the Naturopathic Physician Pay Parity Bill.

Thank you,

Karen Roberson
Nurse Midwife Nurse Practitioner