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RE: Oregon Association of Naturopathic Physicians Pay Parity Bill

Dear Senate and House Health Care Committees,

My name is Donald Keene and I am or have been a patient of several Naturopathic Physicians. I would like to share my experience working with an ND to show the importance of this profession in the state of Oregon.

I travel to Oregon from Florida because of the access to Naturopathic Physicians. I began traveling to Oregon for healthcare several years ago after finding I had many more options in Oregon including Naturopath Doctor's or "ND's." I have experienced treatment by ND's at various Zoom Medical clinics, hospitals, emergency facilities and at NUNM. It is apparent that ND's are cut from a different cloth than the other healthcare providers and should be afforded provisions on the Naturopathic Physician Pay Parity Bill.

I have been treated by ND's in Oregon for various ailments including diabetes, degenerative disk disease, chronic pain, severe allergies, rashes and symptoms from chemical exposures during my career serving in the US Navy. I go see ND's for routine screenings, shots, and especially alternative options when I don't want another prescription drug.

Since you are in a position to advocate for your constituents on an important topic, I am asking that you vote yes on the Naturopathic Physician Pay Parity bill.

Sincerely,

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