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Re: SB772, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear Senate Health Care Committee,

My name is Dave Allderdice and I am a Naturopathic Doctor (ND). I would like to share my experience working in Oregon as a licensed ND and ask you to please support SB772.

I chose to become a cancer specialist because I want to serve those suffering with this devastating disease. I don't just want to help those who can afford my care by paying cash. This is why I have sacrificed so much to become a physician and practice medicine in my local community. I've done my best to accept every form of insurance that will pay me a living wage to see their patients.

It upsets me that insurance companies use holistic medicine as a lure your constituents to sign up for their costly service, offering "naturopathic coverage" then my clinic can't afford to accept most insurance plans to meet the costs of a medical practice. It's a real bait-and-switch and the consumer, those who want and need this kind of care and those who are suffering most through a cancer diagnosis, cannot afford access.

Unfortunately, NDs are not being fairly compensated for our valuable contributions to healthcare in this great state. This makes it more difficult for people like me to stay in practice and deliver this essential and unique level of care. Those of us who have been able to stay in practice, we do so at a great economic disadvantage to our peers, making it difficult to repay student loans, raise a family and give back to the community.

I am asking you to vote yes on SB772 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Warmly,

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