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

Dear Senate Health Care Committee,

My name is Jana Taylor and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND). I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support SB772.

In addition to the medical care I receive through my medical insurance, I have had a naturopathic physician for more than 20 years. Before I retired I was fortunate that my insurance through Linfield College had a complementary care rider that allowed me to get both excellent naturopathic care in addition to my Kaiser MD. I coordinated the care between both physicians and I improved my health in multiple areas.

As a Registered Nurse with a masters degree and more than 40 years of practice, I have both worked with and received personal care by many types of medical providers, and none have taken the time and shown the care in my health and welfare like my naturopathic physicians. The level of education, support and competent care that I have received not only helped me move forward with my health conditions, but renewed my faith in the healthcare system. I also respect that my Kaiser MD for more than 15 years has supported the treatments I have received from my naturopaths and she has acknowledged the benefits of both allopathic and naturopathic care.

Unfortunately, right now in Oregon NDs are not being fairly compensated for their valuable contributions to healthcare in this great state. This makes it more difficult for people like me to access this unique and essential level of care. It also limits my choices when it comes to healthcare.

Naturopathic Doctors manage the majority of patients' healthcare needs whether it be an annual physical, lab orders, health screenings or prescription(s). They also refer to other competent providers and specialists when appropriate. In addition, they teach about diet and nutrition, how to stay active, manage stress, improve sleep, and become more proactive in managing one's own healthcare. This level of care promotes health and leads to improved confidence in managing one's health. My family and I have experienced all of this from the various naturopaths we have seen over the years.

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

Sincerely,

Jana Taylor, RN, MSN