

Senate Health Care Committee,

I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND). As such I respectfully submit my request that you please support SB772 and the thousands of their patients that choose an ND to support their total health and well being.

I have had direct experience with many types of medical providers, and none have taken the time and shown the care in my health and welfare like my naturopathic physician. The level of education, support and competent care that I have received has not only helped me move forward with my health conditions it continues to provide effective means for ongoing maintenance of my health. Unfortunately, right now in Oregon NDs are not being fairly compensated for their valuable contributions to healthcare in Oregon. This makes it more difficult for people like me to access this unique, essential, and effective level of care. My choices for health care are restrictive and limited.

My ND, my primary physician of 25+ years, manages the majority of my healthcare needs whether it be my annual physical, lab orders, health screenings or prescription(s). I am referred to other competent providers and specialists when appropriate. In addition, they teach me about diet and nutrition, how to stay active, manage stress, improve my sleep and become more proactive in my own healthcare. All of these things come together to create a more complete treatment plan for my full participation in my own health care.

Thank you for voting yes on SB772 to support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Kindest Regards,

Cheryl