

Dear Senate Health Care Committee,

My name is Debra Child of Aurora, OR. I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND). I also have several MD providers as I have had a complicated medical history. I am writing in support of SB772 and ask you to support it as well.

I rely on my ND for her broad and comprehensive medical training, as well as her personalized care throughout the 20 years I have been her patient. She has guided me through many difficult healthcare decisions I have faced. She has been patient-centered before that concept became a mainstay of MD medical school training.

Unfortunately, NDs in Oregon are not being fairly compensated for their invaluable contributions to healthcare. This makes it more difficult for me to access this essential care and limits my provider choices.

My ND provides the most comprehensive care I receive, addressing medical, emotional, and physical well-being. She is able to help me manage diet and nutrition choices, better manage stress, and in so doing create a complete treatment plan that benefits my well-being.

I ask again that you vote yes on SB772 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Debra Child