

March 29, 2021

Dear Senate and Health Care Committees,

My name is Ann B Hanson and I live in Bend, Oregon. I am under the care of a Naturopathic Doctor who has greatly impacted my health and wellbeing. I would like to share my experience working with an ND to illustrate the importance of this profession in the delivery of quality healthcare in the state of Oregon.

I was diagnosed with my second unrelated cancer in 2019. The type I was diagnosed with did not have a favorable percentage of longevity or response to treatment. While I was dedicated to the traditional round of treatments, I also wanted to explore any additional means of healing my body.

My Oncologist referred me to a Naturopath who is board certified in oncology treatment. This was my first experience with an ND and I cannot express sufficiently how profoundly her attention, care and treatment protocol eased my fears and anxiety. The protocol she outlined gave me a way to help myself. To assist my body's natural healing abilities. My Naturopath is incredibly knowledgeable and only uses evidence based therapies. She was committed to assisting me in any way she could. She spent as much time with me explaining the science behind her recommendations as I needed.

I not only had a very optimistic response to all treatments both conventional and naturopathic, but have fully recovered from those as well. I am convinced that the holistic, whole body approach is why I have hope for a future. She continues to be an active part of my care team in preventing a recurrence and promoting my current health.

I strongly believe that healthcare such as this should be available to each and every Oregonian.
I am asking that you vote YES on SB772

Sincerely,

Ann B Hanson